



# HEIDENHAIN



## TNC 620

User's Manual for  
Cycle Programming

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**Fundamentals**

## About this manual

### Safety precautions

Comply with all safety precautions indicated in this document and in your machine tool builder's documentation!

Precautionary statements warn of hazards in handling software and devices and provide information on their prevention. They are classified by hazard severity and divided into the following groups:

#### **DANGER**

**Danger** indicates hazards for persons. If you do not follow the avoidance instructions, the hazard will **result in death or severe injury**.

#### **WARNING**

**Warning** indicates hazards for persons. If you do not follow the avoidance instructions, the hazard **could result in death or serious injury**.

#### **CAUTION**

**Caution** indicates hazards for persons. If you do not follow the avoidance instructions, the hazard **could result in minor or moderate injury**.

#### **NOTICE**

**Notice** indicates danger to material or data. If you do not follow the avoidance instructions, the hazard **could result in things other than personal injury, like property damage**.

### Sequence of information in precautionary statements

All precautionary statements comprise the following four sections:

- Signal word indicating the hazard severity
- Type and source of hazard
- Consequences of ignoring the hazard, e.g.: "There is danger of collision during subsequent machining operations"
- Escape – Hazard prevention measures

### Informational notes

Observe the informational notes provided in these instructions to ensure reliable and efficient operation of the software.

In these instructions, you will find the following informational notes:



The information symbol indicates a **tip**.  
A tip provides important additional or supplementary information.



This symbol prompts you to follow the safety precautions of your machine tool builder. This symbol also indicates machine-dependent functions. Possible hazards for the operator and the machine are described in the machine manual.



The book symbol represents a **cross reference** to external documentation, e.g. the documentation of your machine tool builder or other supplier.

### Would you like any changes, or have you found any errors?

We are continuously striving to improve our documentation for you. Please help us by sending your requests to the following e-mail address:

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## TNC model, software and features

This manual describes functions and features provided by TNCs as of the following NC software numbers.

TNC model	NC software number
TNC 620	817600-05
TNC 620 E	817601-05
TNC 620 Programming station	817605-05

The suffix E indicates the export version of the TNC. The export version of the TNC has the following limitations:

- Simultaneous linear movement in up to 4 axes

The machine tool builder adapts the usable features of the TNC to his machine by setting machine parameters. Some of the functions described in this manual may therefore not be among the features provided by the TNC on your machine tool.

TNC functions that may not be available on your machine include:

- Tool measurement with the TT

Please contact your machine tool builder to become familiar with the features of your machine.

Many machine manufacturers, as well as HEIDENHAIN, offer programming courses for the TNCs. We recommend these courses as an effective way of improving your programming skill and sharing information and ideas with other TNC users.



### Operating instructions:

All TNC functions not connected to the cycles are described in the TNC 620 User's Manual. Please contact HEIDENHAIN if you require a copy of this User's Manual.

ID of User's Manual for conversational programming:  
1096883-xx.

ID of User's Manual for DIN/ISO programming:  
892909-xx1096887-xx.

## Software options

The TNC 620 features various software options that can be enabled by your machine tool builder. Each option is to be enabled separately and contains the following respective functions:

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### Additional Axis (option 0 and option 1)

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<b>Additional axis</b>	Additional control loops 1 and 2
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### Advanced Function Set 1 (option 8)

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<b>Expanded functions Group 1</b>	<b>Machining with rotary tables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cylindrical contours as if in two axes</li> <li>■ Feed rate in distance per minute</li> </ul> <b>Coordinate conversions:</b> Tilting the working plane
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### Advanced Function Set 2 (option 9)

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<b>Expanded functions Group 2</b> Export license required	<b>3-D machining:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Motion control with minimum jerk</li> <li>■ 3-D tool compensation through surface-normal vectors</li> <li>■ Using the electronic handwheel to change the angle of the swivel head during program run without affecting the position of the tool center point (tool tip or center of sphere) (TCPM = <b>T</b>ool <b>C</b>enter <b>P</b>oint <b>M</b>anagement)</li> <li>■ Keeping the tool normal to the contour</li> <li>■ Tool radius compensation perpendicular to traversing direction and tool direction</li> </ul> <b>Interpolation:</b> Linear in 5 axes
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### Touch Probe Functions (option 17)

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<b>Touch probe functions</b>	<b>Touch probe cycles:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Compensation of tool misalignment in automatic mode</li> <li>■ Presetting in the <b>Manual operation</b> mode of operation</li> <li>■ Presetting in automatic mode</li> <li>■ Automatically measuring workpieces</li> <li>■ Tools can be measured automatically</li> </ul>
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### HEIDENHAIN DNC (option 18)

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Communication with external PC applications over COM component

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### Advanced Programming Features (option 19)

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<b>Expanded programming functions</b>	<b>FK free contour programming:</b> Programming in HEIDENHAIN conversational format with graphic support for workpiece drawings not dimensioned for NC
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**Advanced Programming Features (option 19)**


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**Fixed cycles:**

- Peck drilling, reaming, boring, counterboring, centering (cycles 201 to 205, 208, 240, 241)
  - Milling of internal and external threads (cycles 262 to 265, 267)
  - Finishing of rectangular and circular pockets and studs (cycles 212 to 215, 251 to 257)
  - Clearing level and oblique surfaces (cycles 230 to 233)
  - Straight slots and circular slots (cycles 210, 211, 253, 254)
  - Linear and circular point patterns (cycles 220, 221)
  - Contour train, contour pocket—also with contour-parallel machining, trochoidal slot (cycles 20 to 25, 275)
  - Engraving (cycle 225)
  - OEM cycles (special cycles developed by the machine tool builder) can be integrated
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**Advanced Graphic Features (option 20)**


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**Expanded graphic functions****Program-verification graphics, program-run graphics**

- Plan view
  - Projection in three planes
  - 3-D view
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**Advanced Function Set 3 (option 21)**


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**Expanded functions Group 3****Tool compensation:**

M120: Radius-compensated contour look-ahead for up to 99 blocks

**3-D machining:**

M118: Superimpose handwheel positioning during program run

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**Pallet Management (option 22)**


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**Pallet management**

Processing workpieces in any sequence

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**Display Step (option 23)**


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**Display step****Input resolution:**

- Linear axes down to 0.01 µm
  - Rotary axes to 0.00001°
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**CAD Import (option 42)**


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**CAD import**

- Support for DXF, STEP and IGES
  - Adoption of contours and point patterns
  - Simple and convenient specification of presets
  - Selecting graphical features of contour sections from conversational programs
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**KinematicsOpt (option 48)**


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**Optimizing the machine kinematics**

- Backup/restore active kinematics
  - Test active kinematics
  - Optimize active kinematics
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**Extended Tool Management (option 93)**


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**Extended tool management** Python-based

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**Remote Desktop Manager (option 133)**


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**Remote operation of external computer units**

- Windows on a separate computer unit
- Incorporated in the control's interface

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**Cross Talk Compensation – CTC (option 141)**


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**Compensation of axis couplings**

- Determination of dynamically caused position deviation through axis acceleration
- Compensation of the TCP (**T**ool **C**enter **P**oint)

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**Position Adaptive Control – PAC (option 142)**


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**Adaptive position control**

- Changing of the control parameters depending on the position of the axes in the working space
- Changing of the control parameters depending on the speed or acceleration of an axis

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**Load Adaptive Control – LAC (option 143)**


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**Adaptive load control**

- Automatic determination of workpiece weight and frictional forces
- Changing of control parameters depending on the actual mass of the workpiece

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**Active Chatter Control – ACC (option 145)**


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**Active chatter control** Fully automatic function for chatter control during machining

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**Active Vibration Damping – AVD (option 46)**


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**Active vibration damping** Damping of machine oscillations to improve the workpiece surface

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**Batch Process Manager (option 154)**


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**Batch process manager** Planning of production orders

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## Feature Content Level (upgrade functions)

Along with software options, significant further improvements of the TNC software are managed via the Feature Content Level (**FCL**) upgrade functions. Functions subject to the FCL are not available simply by updating the software on your TNC.



All upgrade functions are available to you without surcharge when you receive a new machine.

Upgrade functions are identified in the manual with **FCL n**, where **n** indicates the sequential number of the feature content level.

You can purchase a code number in order to permanently enable the FCL functions. For more information, contact your machine tool builder or HEIDENHAIN.

## Intended place of operation

The TNC complies with the limits for a Class A device in accordance with the specifications in EN 55022, and is intended for use primarily in industrially-zoned areas.

## Legal information

This product uses open source software. Further information is available on the control under

- ▶ Programming operating mode
- ▶ MOD function
- ▶ **License Info** softkey

## Optional parameters

The comprehensive cycle package is continuously further developed by HEIDENHAIN. Every new software version thus may also introduce new Q parameters for cycles. These new Q parameters are optional parameters, which were not all available in some older software versions. Within a cycle, they are always provided at the end of the cycle definition. The section "New and changed cycle functions of software 81760x-05" gives you an overview of the optional Q parameters that have been added in this software version. You can decide for yourself whether you would like to define optional Q parameters or delete them with the NO ENT key. You can also adopt the default value. If you have accidentally deleted an optional Q parameter or if you would like to extend cycles in your existing programs after a software update, you can include optional Q parameters in cycles when needed. The following steps describe how this is done:

To insert optional Q parameters in existing programs:

- Call the cycle definition
- Press the right arrow key until the new Q parameters are displayed
- Apply the default value or enter a value
- To transfer the new Q parameter, exit the menu by pressing the right arrow key once again or by pressing END
- If you do not wish to apply the new Q parameter, press the NO ENT key

### Compatibility

The majority of part programs created on older HEIDENHAIN contouring controls (TNC 150 B and higher) can be executed with this new software version of the TNC 620. Even if new, optional parameters ("Optional parameters") have been added to existing cycles, you can normally continue running your programs as usual. This is achieved by using the stored default value. The other way round, if a program created with a new software version is to be run on an older control, you can delete the respective optional Q parameters from the cycle definition with the NO ENT key. In this way you can ensure that the program will be downward compatible. If NC blocks contain invalid elements, the TNC will mark them as ERROR blocks when the file is opened.

## New cycle functions of software 81760x-01

- The character set of the fixed cycle 225 Engraving was expanded by more characters and the diameter sign See "ENGRAVING (Cycle 225, DIN/ISO: G225)", page 317
- New machining cycle 275 Trochoidal milling See "TROCHOIDAL SLOT (Cycle 275, DIN/ISO: G275, software option 19)", page 240
- New machining cycle 233 Face milling See "FACE MILLING (Cycle 233, DIN/ISO: G233, software option 19)", page 186
- In Cycle 205 Universal Pecking you can now use parameter Q208 to define a feed rate for retraction See "Cycle parameters", page 92
- In the thread milling cycles 26x an approaching feed rate was introduced See "Cycle parameters", page 130
- The parameter Q305 NUMBER IN TABLE was added to Cycle 404 See "Cycle parameters", page 362
- In the drilling cycles 200, 203 and 205 the parameter Q395 DEPTH REFERENCE was introduced in order to evaluate the T ANGLE See "Cycle parameters", page 92
- Cycle 241 SINGLE-LIP DEEP HOLE DRILLING was expanded by several input parameters See "SINGLE-LIP DEEP-HOLE DRILLING (Cycle 241, DIN/ISO: G241, software option 19)", page 101
- The probing cycle 4 MEASURING IN 3-D was introduced See "MEASURING IN 3-D (Cycle 4, software option 17)", page 473

## New and changed cycle functions of software 81760x-02

- New Load Adaptive Control (LAC) cycle for the load-dependent adaptation of control parameters (software option 143), See "ASCERTAIN THE LOAD (Cycle 239, DIN/ISO: G239, software option 143)", page 328
- Cycle 270: CONTOUR TRAIN DATA was added to the cycle package (software option 19), See "CONTOUR TRAIN DATA (Cycle 270, DIN/ISO: G270, software option 19)", page 238
- Cycle 39 CYLINDER SURFACE (software option 1) Contour was added to the cycle package, See "CYLINDER SURFACE (Cycle 39, DIN/ISO: G139, software option 1)", page 263
- The character set of the fixed cycle 225 Engraving was expanded by the CE, ß and @ characters and the system time, See "ENGRAVING (Cycle 225, DIN/ISO: G225)", page 317
- Cycles 252 to 254 (software option 19) were expanded by the optional parameter Q439, See "Cycle parameters", page 160
- Cycle 22 (software option 19) was expanded by the optional parameters Q401 and Q404, See "ROUGHING (Cycle 22, DIN/ISO: G122, software option 19)", page 220
- Cycle 484 (software option 17) was expanded by the optional parameter Q536, See "Calibrating the wireless TT 449 (Cycle 484, DIN/ISO: G484, Option 17)", page 530

## New and changed cycle functions of software 81760x-03

- New Cycle 258 POLYGON STUD, (software option 19) See "POLYGON STUD (Cycle 258, DIN/ISO: G258, software option 19)", page 181
- Cycle 247 PRESETTING: The number of the preset can be selected from the preset table, See "PRESETTING (Cycle 247, DIN/ISO: G247)", page 291
- Cycles 200 and 203: The behavior of the dwell time at top was modified, See "UNIVERSAL DRILLING (Cycle 203, DIN/ISO: G203, software option 19)", page 80
- Cycle 205 performs deburring on the coordinate surface, See "UNIVERSAL PECKING (Cycle 205, DIN/ISO: G205, software option 19)", page 90
- For SL cycles, M110 is now taken into account for arcs compensated on the inside of the arc if M110 is active during machining, See "SL Cycles", page 208

## New and changed cycle functions of software 81760x-04

- In the protocol of the KinematicsOpt cycles 451 and 452 the position of the measured rotary axes can be output before and after optimization. See "MEASURE KINEMATICS (Cycle 451, DIN/ISO: G451, option)", page 496, See "PRESET COMPENSATION (Cycle 452, DIN/ISO: G452, option)", page 510
- Cycle 225 has been expanded by parameters Q516, Q367, and Q574. This makes it possible to define a preset for the respective text position, as well as to scale the text length and character height. The pre-positioning for engraving on a circular path has changed, See "ENGRAVING (Cycle 225, DIN/ISO: G225)", page 317
- In Cycles 481 to 483, parameter Q340 was expanded with the input option "2". This makes it possible to check the tool without changing the tool table, See "Measuring tool length (Cycle 31 or 481, DIN/ISO: G481, Option 17)", page 532, See "Measuring tool radius (Cycle 32 or 482, DIN/ISO: G482, Option 17)", page 534, See "Measuring tool length and radius (Cycle 33 or 483, DIN/ISO: G483, Option 17)", page 536
- Cycle 251 has been expanded by parameter Q439. In addition, the strategy for finishing was revised, See "RECTANGULAR POCKET (Cycle 251, DIN/ISO: G251, software option 19)", page 151
- In Cycle 252, the strategy for finishing was revised, See "CIRCULAR POCKET (Cycle 252, DIN/ISO: G252, software option 19)", page 156
- Cycle 275 has been expanded by parameters Q369 and Q439, See "TROCHOIDAL SLOT (Cycle 275, DIN/ISO: G275, software option 19)", page 240

## New and changed cycle functions of software 81760x-05

- New Cycle 441 FAST PROBING. You can use this cycle to globally specify various touch probe parameters (e.g. the positioning feed rate) for all subsequently used touch probe cycles. See "FAST PROBING (Cycle 441, DIN/ISO G441, software option 17)", page 487
- New Cycle 276 3-D Contour Train See "THREE-D CONT. TRAIN (Cycle 276, DIN/ISO: G276, software option 19)", page 233
- Enhancement of the contour train: Cycle 25 with machining of residual material, the cycle was expanded with the following parameters: Q18, Q446, Q447, Q448 See "CONTOUR TRAIN (Cycle 25, DIN/ISO: G125, software option 19)", page 229
- Cycles 256 RECTANGULAR STUD and 257 CIRCULAR STUD have been expanded to include parameters Q215, Q385, Q369 and Q386. See "RECTANGULAR STUD (Cycle 256, DIN/ISO: G256, software option 19)", page 172, See "CIRCULAR STUD (Cycle 257, DIN/ISO: G257, software option 19)", page 177
- Cycle 239 can ascertain the current load of the machine axes with the control function LAC. Cycle 239 can now also modify the maximum axis acceleration. Cycle 239 supports the determination of the load on synchronized axes. See "ASCERTAIN THE LOAD (Cycle 239, DIN/ISO: G239, software option 143)", page 328
- Cycles 205 and 241: The feed rate behavior was modified. See "SINGLE-LIP DEEP-HOLE DRILLING (Cycle 241, DIN/ISO: G241, software option 19)", page 101, See "UNIVERSAL PECKING (Cycle 205, DIN/ISO: G205, software option 19)", page 90
- Detail changes with Cycle 233: Monitors length of the cutting edge (LCUTS) with finishing operations, when roughing with the milling strategy between 0 to 3, the surface in the milling direction is increased by the value from Q357 (provided that no limitation is set in this direction) See "FACE MILLING (Cycle 233, DIN/ISO: G233, software option 19)", page 186
- CONTOUR DEF can be programmed in DIN/ISO
- The technically obsolete cycles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 212, 213, 214, 215, 210, 211, 230, 231 subordinated in "old cycles" can no longer be inserted via the editor. These cycles can however still be modified and executed.
- The tool touch probe cycles 480, 481, 482 can be hidden See "Setting machine parameters", page 524
- Cycle 225 Engraving can engrave the current counter reading with a new syntax See "Engraving the counter reading", page 322
- New column SERIAL in the touch-probe table See "touch probe data", page 341

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## 1.1 Introduction

Frequently recurring machining cycles that comprise several working steps are stored in the TNC memory as standard cycles. Coordinate transformations and several special functions are also available as cycles. Most cycles use Q parameters as transfer parameters.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

Cycles execute extensive operations. Danger of collision!

- You should run a program test before machining



If you use indirect parameter assignments in cycles with numbers greater than 200 (e.g. **Q210 = Q1**), any change in the assigned parameter (e.g. Q1) will have no effect after the cycle definition. Define the cycle parameter (e.g. **Q210**) directly in such cases.


If you define a feed-rate parameter for fixed cycles greater than 200, then instead of entering a numerical value you can use soft keys to assign the feed rate defined in the **TOOL CALL** block (**FAUTO** soft key). You can also use the feed-rate alternatives **FMAX** (rapid traverse), **FZ** (feed per tooth), and **FU** (feed per rev), depending on the respective cycle and the function of the feed-rate parameter.








Note that, after a cycle definition, a change of the **FAUTO** feed rate has no effect, because internally the TNC assigns the feed rate from the **TOOL CALL** block when processing the cycle definition.


If you want to delete a block that is part of a cycle, the TNC asks you whether you want to delete the whole cycle.

## 1.2 Available Cycle Groups

### Overview of fixed cycles

-  ► The soft-key row shows the available groups of cycles









Soft key	Cycle group	Page
	Cycles for pecking, reaming, boring and counterboring	70
	Cycles for tapping, thread cutting and thread milling	114
	Cycles for milling pockets, studs and slots and for face milling	150
	Coordinate transformation cycles which enable datum shift, rotation, mirror image, enlarging and reducing for various contours	284
	Subcontour List (SL) cycles, which allow the machining of contours consisting of several overlapping subcontours, as well as cycles for cylinder surface machining and for trochoidal milling	252
	Cycles for producing point patterns, such as circular or linear hole patterns	198
	Special cycles: dwell time, program call, oriented spindle stop, engraving, tolerance, determining the load	310

-  ► If required, switch to machine-specific fixed cycles. These fixed cycles can be integrated by your machine tool builder.

## Overview of touch probe cycles



- The soft-key row shows the available groups of cycles

Soft key	Cycle group	Page
	Cycles for automatic measurement and compensation of workpiece misalignment	344
	Cycles for automatic workpiece presetting	368
	Cycles for automatic workpiece inspection	426
	Special cycles	470
	Touch probe calibration	477
	Cycles for automatic kinematics measurement	344
	Cycles for automatic tool measurement (enabled by the machine tool builder)	522
	► If required, switch to machine-specific touch probe cycles. These touch probe cycles can be integrated by your machine tool builder.	

# 2

**Using Fixed Cycles**

## 2.1 Working with fixed cycles

### Machine-specific cycles (software option 19)

In addition to the HEIDENHAIN cycles, many machine tool builders offer their own cycles in the TNC. These cycles are available in a separate cycle-number range:

- Cycles 300 to 399  
Machine-specific cycles that are to be defined through the **CYCLE DEF** key
- Cycles 500 to 599  
Machine-specific touch probe cycles that are to be defined through the **TOUCH PROBE** key



Refer to your machine manual for a description of the specific function.

Sometimes machine-specific cycles use transfer parameters that HEIDENHAIN already uses in standard cycles. For parallel use of DEF active cycles (cycles that the TNC is automatically running during cycle definition) and CALL active cycles (cycles that you need to call up to run).

**Further information:** "Calling a cycle", page 52

Adhere to the following procedure in order to avoid problems regarding the overwriting of transfer parameters that are used more than once:

- ▶ As a rule, always program DEF-active cycles before CALL-active cycles
- ▶ If you do want to program a DEF-active cycle between the definition and call of a CALL-active cycle, do it only if there is no common use of specific transfer parameters

## Defining a cycle using soft keys



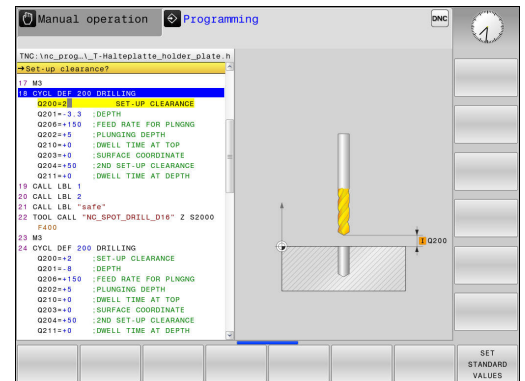
- ▶ The soft-key row shows the available groups of cycles



- ▶ Press the soft key for the desired group of cycles, for example DRILLING for the drilling cycles



- ▶ Select the cycle, e.g. **THREAD MILLING**. The TNC initiates the programming dialog and asks for all required input values. At the same time a graphic of the input parameters is displayed in the right screen window. The parameter that is asked for in the dialog prompt is highlighted.
- ▶ Enter all parameters requested by the TNC and conclude each entry with the **ENT** key
- ▶ The TNC ends the dialog when all required data has been entered



## Defining a cycle using the GOTO function



- ▶ The soft-key row shows the available groups of cycles



- ▶ The TNC shows an overview of cycles in a pop-up window
- ▶ Choose the desired cycle with the arrow keys, or
- ▶ Enter the cycle number and confirm it with the **ENT** key. The TNC then initiates the cycle dialog as described above

### Example NC blocks

7 CYCL DEF 200 DRILLING	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=3	;DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q202=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q210=0	;DWELL TIME AT TOP
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q211=0.25	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH
Q395=0	;DEPTH REFERENCE

## Calling a cycle



### Requirements

The following data must always be programmed before a cycle call:

- **BLK FORM** for graphic display (needed only for test graphics)
- Tool call
- Direction of spindle rotation (M functions M3/M4)
- Cycle definition (CYCL DEF)

For some cycles, additional prerequisites must be observed. They are detailed in the descriptions for each cycle.

The following cycles become effective automatically as soon as they are defined in the part program. These cycles cannot and must not be called:

- Cycle 220 for point patterns on circles and Cycle 221 for point patterns on lines
- SL Cycle 14 CONTOUR
- SL Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA
- Cycle 32 TOLERANCE
- Coordinate transformation cycles
- Cycle 9 DWELL TIME
- All touch probe cycles

You can call all other cycles with the functions described as follows.

### Calling a cycle with CYCL CALL

The **CYCL CALL** function calls the most recently defined fixed cycle once. The starting point of the cycle is the position that was programmed last before the CYCL CALL block.



- ▶ To program the cycle call, press the **CYCL CALL** key
- ▶ Press the **CYCL CALL M** soft key to enter a cycle call
- ▶ If necessary, enter the miscellaneous function M (for example **M3** to switch the spindle on), or end the dialog by pressing the **END** key

### Calling a cycle with CYCL CALL PAT

The **CYCL CALL PAT** function calls the most recently defined machining cycle at all positions that you defined in a PATTERN DEF pattern definition or in a points table.

**Further information:** "PATTERN DEF pattern definition", page 58

**Further information:** "Point tables", page 65

### Calling a cycle with CYCL CALL POS

The **CYCL CALL POS** function calls the most recently defined fixed cycle once. The starting point of the cycle is the position that you defined in the **CYCL CALL POS** block.

Using positioning logic the TNC moves to the position defined in the **CYCL CALL POS** block.

- If the tool's current position in the tool axis is greater than the top surface of the workpiece (Q203), the TNC moves the tool to the programmed position first in the machining plane and then in the tool axis.
- If the tool's current position in the tool axis is below the top surface of the workpiece (Q203), the TNC moves the tool to the programmed position first in the tool axis to the clearance height and then in the working plane to the programmed position.



Three coordinate axes must always be programmed in the **CYCL CALL POS** block. With the coordinate in the tool axis you can easily change the starting position. It serves as an additional datum shift.

The feed rate most recently defined in the **CYCL CALL POS** block applies only for traverse to the start position programmed in this block.

Using positioning logic the TNC moves to the position defined in the **CYCL CALL POS** block:

If you use **CYCL CALL POS** to call a cycle in which a start position is defined (for example Cycle 212), then the position defined in the cycle serves as an additional shift of the position defined in the **CYCL CALL POS** block. You should therefore always define the start position to be set in the cycle as 0.

### Cycle call with M99/M89

The **M99** function, which is active only in the block in which it is programmed, calls the last defined fixed cycle once. You can program **M99** at the end of a positioning block. The TNC moves to this position and then calls the last defined fixed cycle.

If the TNC is to run the cycle automatically after every positioning block, program the first cycle call with **M89**.

To cancel the effect of **M89**, program:

- **M99** in the positioning block in which you move to the last starting point, or
- Use **CYCL DEF** to define a new fixed cycle

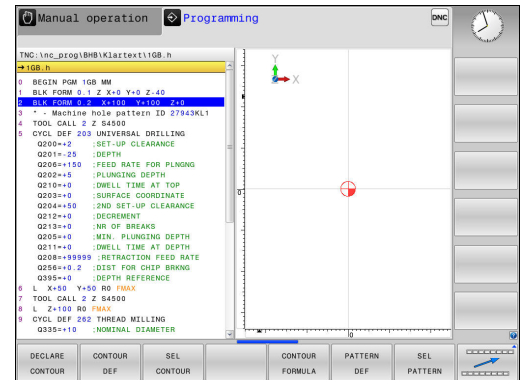
## 2.2 Program defaults for cycles

### Overview

All Cycles 20 to 25, as well as all of those with numbers 200 or higher, always use identical cycle parameters, such as the set-up clearance **Q200**, which you must enter for each cycle definition. The **GLOBAL DEF** function gives you the possibility of defining these cycle parameters at the beginning of the program, so that they are effective globally for all machining cycles used in the program. In the respective machining cycle you then simply link to the value defined at the beginning of the program.

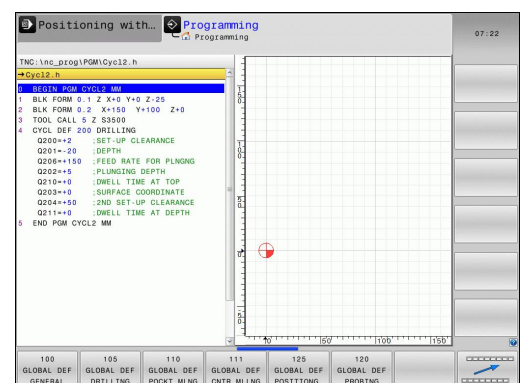
The following GLOBAL DEF functions are available:

Soft key	Machining patterns	Page
<b>100</b> GLOBAL DEF GENERAL	GLOBAL DEF COMMON Definition of generally valid cycle parameters	56
<b>105</b> GLOBAL DEF DRILLING	GLOBAL DEF DRILLING Definition of specific drilling cycle parameters	56
<b>110</b> GLOBAL DEF POCKET MILLING	GLOBAL DEF POCKET MILLING Definition of specific pocket-milling cycle parameters	56
<b>111</b> GLOBAL DEF CNTR MILLING	GLOBAL DEF CONTOUR MILLING Definition of specific contour milling cycle parameters	56
<b>125</b> GLOBAL DEF POSITIONING	GLOBAL DEF POSITIONING Definition of the positioning behavior for <b>CYCL CALL PAT</b>	57
<b>120</b> GLOBAL DEF PROBING	GLOBAL DEF PROBING Definition of specific touch probe cycle parameters	57



### Entering GLOBAL DEF

- ▶ Mode of operation: Press the **Programming** key
- ▶ Press the **SPEC FCT** key to select the special functions
- ▶ Select the functions for program defaults
- ▶ Press the **GLOBAL DEF** soft key
- ▶ Select the desired GLOBAL DEF function, e.g. by pressing the **GLOBAL DEF GENERAL** soft key
- ▶ Enter the required definitions, and confirm each entry with the **ENT** key



## Using GLOBAL DEF information

If you entered the respective GLOBAL DEF functions at the start of the program, you can reference these globally valid values when defining any machining cycle.

Proceed as follows:



- ▶ Operating mode: Press the Programming key



- Select machining cycles: Press the CYCLE DEF key



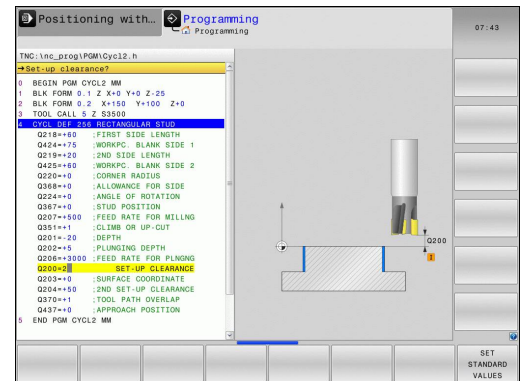
- Select the desired cycle group, e.g. drilling cycles



- ▶ Select the desired cycle, e.g. **drilling**
- ▶ If there is a global parameter for this the TNC displays the **SET STANDARD VALUES** soft key



- Press the **SET STANDARD VALUES** soft key:  
The TNC inputs the word **PREDEF** in the cycle definition. You have now created a link to the corresponding **GLOBAL DEF** parameter that you defined at the beginning of the program



## NOTICE

## Danger of collision!

If you modify the program settings later with **GLOBAL DEF** the modifications are effective on the complete machining program. As a consequence the machining sequence can significantly differ.

- ▶ Use **GLOBAL DEF** intentionally and run a program test before machining
- ▶ If a fixed value is entered in machining cycles, **GLOBAL DEF** does not modify this value

## Global data valid everywhere

- ▶ **Safety clearance:** Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface for automated approach of the cycle start position in the tool axis
- ▶ **2nd set-up clearance:** Position to which the TNC positions the tool at the end of a machining step. The next machining position is approached at this height in the machining plane
- ▶ **F positioning:** Feed rate at which the TNC traverses the tool within a cycle
- ▶ **F retraction:** Feed rate at which the TNC retracts the tool.



The parameters are valid for all fixed cycles with numbers greater than 2xx.

## Global data for drilling operations

- ▶ **Retraction rate for chip breaking:** Value by which the TNC retracts the tool during chip breaking
- ▶ **Dwell time at depth:** Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom
- ▶ **Dwell time at top:** Time in seconds that the tool remains at the set-up clearance



The parameters apply to the drilling, tapping and thread milling cycles 200 to 209, 240, 241 and 262 to 267.

## Global data for milling operations with pocket cycles 25x

- ▶ **Overlap factor:** The tool radius multiplied by the overlap factor equals the lateral stepover
- ▶ **Climb or up-cut:** Select the type of milling
- ▶ **Plunging type:** Plunge into the material helically, in a reciprocating motion, or vertically



The parameters apply to milling cycles 251 to 257.

## Global data for milling operations with contour cycles

- ▶ **Set-up clearance:** Distance between tool face and workpiece surface for automated approach of the cycle start position in the tool axis
- ▶ **Clearance height:** Absolute height at which the tool cannot collide with the workpiece (for intermediate positioning and retraction at the end of the cycle)
- ▶ **Overlap factor:** The tool radius multiplied by the overlap factor equals the lateral stepover
- ▶ **Climb or up-cut:** Select the type of milling



The parameters apply to SL cycles 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

## Global data for positioning behavior

- ▶ **Positioning behavior:** Retraction in the tool axis at the end of the machining step: Return to the 2nd set-up clearance or to the position at the beginning of the unit



The parameters apply to each fixed cycle that you call with the **CYCL CALL PAT** function.

## Global data for probing functions

- ▶ **Set-up clearance:** Distance between stylus and workpiece surface for automated approach of the probing position
- ▶ **Clearance height:** The coordinate in the touch probe axis to which the TNC traverses the touch probe between measuring points, if the **Move to clearance height** option is activated
- ▶ **Move to clearance height:** Select whether the TNC moves the touch probe to the set-up clearance or clearance height between the measuring points



The parameters apply to all touch probe cycles numbered 4xx.

## 2.3 PATTERN DEF pattern definition

### Application

You use the **PATTERN DEF** function to easily define regular machining patterns, which you can call with the **CYCL CALL PAT** function. As with the cycle definitions, support graphics that illustrate the respective input parameter are also available for pattern definitions.







#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

The **PATTERN DEF** function calculates the machining coordinates in the **X** and **Y** axes. For all tools axes apart from **Z** there is a danger of collision in the following operation!

- Use **PATTERN DEF** only in connection with the tool axis **Z**

The following machining patterns are available:

Soft key	Machining pattern	Page
	POINT Definition of up to any 9 machining positions	60
	ROW Definition of a single row, straight or rotated	60
	PATTERN Definition of a single pattern, straight, rotated or distorted	61
	FRAME Definition of a single frame, straight, rotated or distorted	62
	CIRCLE Definition of a full circle	63
	PITCH CIRCLE Definition of a pitch circle	64

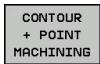
## Entering **PATTERN DEF**



- ▶ Mode of operation: Press the **Programming** key



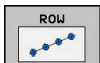
- ▶ Press the **SPEC FCT** key to select the special functions



- ▶ Select the functions for contour and point machining



- ▶ Press the **PATTERN DEF** soft key



- ▶ Select the desired machining pattern, e.g. press the "single row" soft key
- ▶ Enter the required definitions, and confirm each entry with the **ENT** key

## Using **PATTERN DEF**

As soon as you have entered a pattern definition, you can call it with the **CYCL CALL PAT** function.

**Further information:** "Calling a cycle", page 52

The TNC then performs the most recently defined machining cycle on the machining pattern you defined.



A machining pattern remains active until you define a new one, or select a point table with the **SEL PATTERN** function.

The TNC retracts the tool to the clearance height between the starting points. Depending on which is greater, the TNC uses either the spindle axis coordinate from the cycle call or the value from cycle parameter Q204 as the clearance height.

Before **CYCL CALL PAT** you can use the function **GLOBAL DEF 125** (located in **SPEC FCT**/program defaults) with Q352=1. Then the TNC always retracts the tool between the holes to the 2nd set-up clearance that was defined in the cycle.

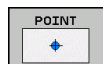
## Defining individual machining positions



You can enter up to 9 machining positions. Confirm each entry with the **ENT** key.

POS1 must be programmed with absolute coordinates. POS2 to POS9 can be programmed as absolute and/or incremental values.

If you have defined a **Workpiece surface in Z** not equal to 0, then this value is effective in addition to the workpiece surface **Q203** that you defined in the machining cycle.



- ▶ POS1: **X coord. of machining position** (absolute): Enter X coordinate
- ▶ POS1: **Y coord. of machining position** (absolute): Enter Y coordinate
- ▶ POS1: **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute): Enter Z coordinate at which machining is to begin
- ▶ POS2: **X coord. of machining position** (absolute or incremental): Enter X coordinate
- ▶ POS2: **Y coord. of machining position** (absolute or incremental): Enter Y coordinate
- ▶ POS2: **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute or incremental): Enter Z coordinate

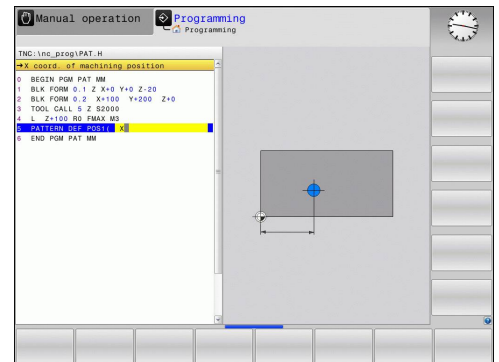
### NC blocks

10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX

11 PATTERN DEF

POS1 (X+25 Y+33.5 Z+0)

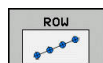
POS2 (X+15 IY+6.5 Z+0)



## Defining a single row



If you have defined a **Workpiece surface in Z** not equal to 0, then this value is effective in addition to the workpiece surface **Q203** that you defined in the machining cycle.



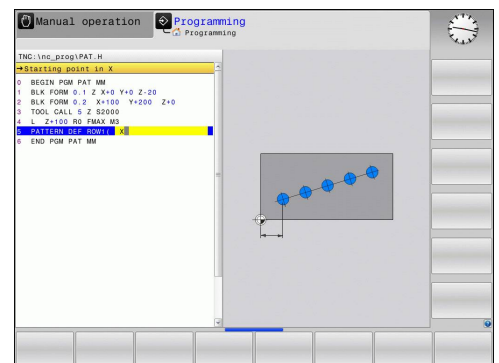
- ▶ **Starting point in X** (absolute): Coordinate of the starting point of the row in the X axis
- ▶ **Starting point in Y** (absolute): Coordinate of the starting point of the row in the Y axis
- ▶ **Spacing of machining positions** (incremental): Spacing of machining positions. You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Number of operations**: Total number of machining positions
- ▶ **Rot. position of entire pattern** (absolute): Angle of rotation around the entered starting point. Reference axis: Reference axis of the active machining plane (e.g. X for tool axis Z). You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute): Enter Z coordinate at which machining is to begin

### NC blocks

10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX

11 PATTERN DEF ROW1

(X+25 Y+33.5 D+8 NUM5 ROT+0 Z+0)

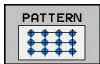


## Defining a single pattern



If you have defined a **Workpiece surface in Z** not equal to 0, then this value is effective in addition to the workpiece surface **Q203** that you defined in the machining cycle.

The **Rotary pos. ref. ax.** and **Rotary pos. minor ax.** parameters are added to a previously performed **Rot. position of entire pattern.**

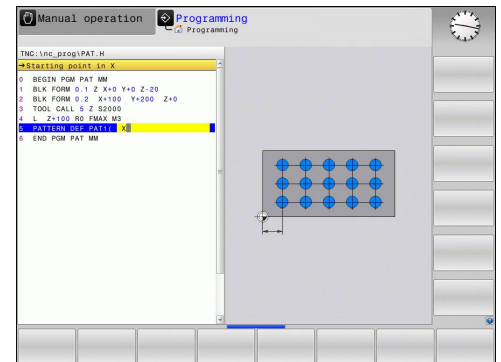


- ▶ **Starting point in X** (absolute): Coordinate of the starting point of the pattern in the X axis
- ▶ **Starting point in Y** (absolute): Coordinate of the starting point of the pattern in the Y axis
- ▶ **Spacing of machining positions X** (incremental): Distance in X direction between the machining positions. You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Spacing of machining positions Y** (incremental): Distance in Y direction between the machining positions. You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Number of columns**: Total number of columns in the pattern
- ▶ **Number of rows**: Total number of rows in the pattern
- ▶ **Rot. position of entire pattern** (absolute): Angle of rotation by which the entire pattern is rotated around the entered starting point. Reference axis: Reference axis of the active machining plane (e.g. X for tool axis Z). You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Rotary pos. ref. ax.:** Angle of rotation around which only the reference axis of the machining plane is distorted with respect to the entered starting point. You can enter a positive or negative value.
- ▶ **Rotary pos. minor ax.:** Angle of rotation around which only the minor axis of the machining plane is distorted with respect to the entered starting point. You can enter a positive or negative value.
- ▶ **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute): Enter Z coordinate at which machining is to begin

## NC blocks

```
10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX
```

```
11 PATTERN DEF PAT1 (X+25 Y+33,5  
DX+8 DY+10 NUMX5 NUMY4 ROT+0  
ROTX+0 ROTY+0 Z+0)
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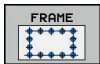


## Defining individual frames



If you have defined a **Workpiece surface in Z** not equal to 0, then this value is effective in addition to the workpiece surface **Q203** that you defined in the machining cycle.

The **Rotary pos. ref. ax.** and **Rotary pos. minor ax.** parameters are added to a previously performed **Rot. position of entire pattern.**

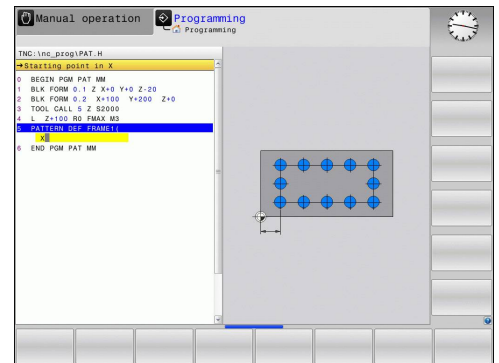


- ▶ **Starting point in X** (absolute): Coordinate of the starting point of the frame in the X axis
- ▶ **Starting point in Y**(absolute): Coordinate of the starting point of the frame in the Y axis
- ▶ **Spacing of machining positions X** (incremental): Distance in X direction between the machining positions. You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Spacing of machining positions Y** (incremental): Distance in Y direction between the machining positions. You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Number of columns**: Total number of columns in the pattern
- ▶ **Number of rows**: Total number of rows in the pattern
- ▶ **Rot. position of entire pattern** (absolute): Angle of rotation by which the entire pattern is rotated around the entered starting point. Reference axis: Reference axis of the active machining plane (e.g. X for tool axis Z). You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Rotary pos. ref. ax.:** Angle of rotation around which only the reference axis of the machining plane is distorted with respect to the entered starting point. You can enter a positive or negative value.
- ▶ **Rotary pos. minor ax.:** Angle of rotation around which only the minor axis of the machining plane is distorted with respect to the entered starting point. You can enter a positive or negative value.
- ▶ **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute): Enter Z coordinate at which machining is to begin

## NC blocks

```
10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX
```

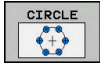
```
11 PATTERN DEF FRAME1
(X+25 Y+33,5 DX+8 DY+10 NUMX5
NUMY4 ROT+0 ROTX+0 ROTY+0 Z
+0)
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## Defining a full circle



If you have defined a **Workpiece surface in Z** not equal to 0, then this value is effective in addition to the workpiece surface **Q203** that you defined in the machining cycle.

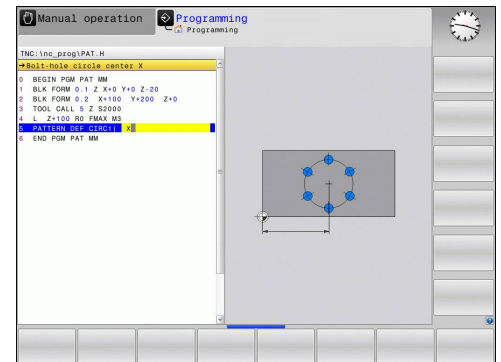


- ▶ **Bolt-hole circle center X** (absolute): Coordinate of the center point of the circle in the X axis
- ▶ **Bolt-hole circle center Y** (absolute): Coordinate of the center point of the circle in the Y axis
- ▶ **Bolt-hole circle diameter**: Diameter of the bolt hole circle
- ▶ **Starting angle**: Polar angle of the first machining position. Reference axis: Reference axis of the active machining plane (e.g. X for tool axis Z). You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Number of operations**: Total number of machining positions on the circle
- ▶ **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute): Enter Z coordinate at which machining is to begin

## NC blocks

```
10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX
```

```
11 PATTERN DEF CIRC1
(X+25 Y+33 D80 START+45 NUM8 Z
+0)
```



## Defining a pitch circle



If you have defined a **Workpiece surface in Z** not equal to 0, then this value is effective in addition to the workpiece surface **Q203** that you defined in the machining cycle.

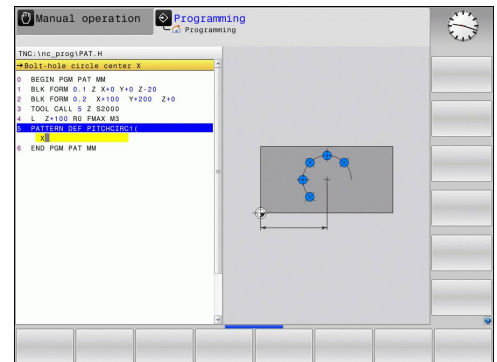


- ▶ **Bolt-hole circle center X** (absolute): Coordinate of the center point of the circle in the X axis
- ▶ **Bolt-hole circle center Y** (absolute): Coordinate of the center point of the circle in the Y axis
- ▶ **Bolt-hole circle diameter**: Diameter of the bolt hole circle
- ▶ **Starting angle**: Polar angle of the first machining position. Reference axis: Reference axis of the active machining plane (e.g. X for tool axis Z). You can enter a positive or negative value
- ▶ **Stepping angle/Stopping angle**: Incremental polar angle between two machining positions. You can enter a positive or negative value. As an alternative you can enter the end angle (switch via soft key).
- ▶ **Number of operations**: Total number of machining positions on the circle
- ▶ **Coordinate of workpiece surface** (absolute): Enter Z coordinate at which machining is to begin

## NC blocks

10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX

11 PATTERN DEF PITCHCIRC1  
(X+25 Y+33 D80 START+45 STEP30  
NUM8 Z+0)



## 2.4 Point tables

### Application

You should create a point table whenever you want to run a cycle, or several cycles in sequence, on an irregular point pattern.

If you are using drilling cycles, the coordinates of the working plane in the point table represent the hole centers. If you are using milling cycles, the coordinates of the working plane in the point table represent the starting-point coordinates of the respective cycle (e.g. center-point coordinates of a circular pocket). Coordinates in the spindle axis correspond to the coordinate of the workpiece surface.

### Creating a point table



- ▶ Mode of operation: Press the **Programming** key



- ▶ Call the file manager: Press the **PGM MGT** key.

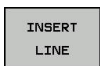
#### FILE NAME?



- ▶ Enter the name and file type of the point table and confirm your entry with the **ENT** key.



- ▶ Select the unit of measure: Press the **MM** or **INCH** soft key. The TNC changes to the program blocks window and displays an empty point table.



- ▶ With the **INSERT LINE** soft key, insert new lines and enter the coordinates of the desired machining position.

Repeat the process until all desired coordinates have been entered.



The name of the point table must begin with a letter.  
Use the soft keys **X OFF/ON**, **Y OFF/ON**, **Z OFF/ON** (second soft-key row) to specify which coordinates you want to enter in the point table.

## Hiding single points from the machining process

In the **FADE** column of the point table you can specify if the defined point is to be hidden during the machining process.



- ▶ In the table, select the point to be hidden



- ▶ Select the **FADE** column



- ▶ Activate hiding, or



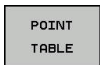
- ▶ Deactivate hiding

## Selecting a point table in the program

In the **Programming** mode of operation, select the program for which you want to activate the point table:



- ▶ Press the **PGM CALL** key to call the function for selecting the point table



- ▶ Press the **POINT TABLE** soft key

Enter the name of the point table and confirm your entry with the **END** key. If the point table is not stored in the same directory as the NC program, you must enter the complete path.

### Example NC block

```
7 SEL PATTERN "TNC:\DIRKT5\NUST35.PNT"
```

## Calling a cycle in connection with point tables



With **CYCL CALL PAT** the TNC runs the point table that you last defined (even if you defined the point table in a program that was nested with **CALL PGM**).

If you want the TNC to call the last defined fixed cycle at the points defined in a point table, then program the cycle call with **CYCLE CALL PAT**:



- ▶ To program the cycle call, press the **CYCL CALL** key
- ▶ Press the **CYCL CALL PAT** soft key to call a point table
- ▶ Enter the feed rate at which the TNC is to move from point to point (if you make no entry the TNC will move at the last programmed feed rate; **FMAX** is not valid)
- ▶ If required, enter a miscellaneous function M, then confirm with the **END** key

The TNC retracts the tool to the clearance height between the starting points. Depending on which is greater, the TNC uses either the spindle axis coordinate from the cycle call or the value from cycle parameter Q204 as the clearance height.

Before **CYCL CALL PAT** you can use the function **GLOBAL DEF 125** (located in **SPEC FCT**/program defaults) with Q352=1. Then the TNC always retracts the tool between the holes to the 2nd set-up clearance that was defined in the cycle.

If you want to move at reduced feed rate when pre-positioning in the spindle axis, use the miscellaneous function M103.

### Effect of the point table with SL cycles and Cycle 12

The TNC interprets the points as an additional datum shift.

### Effect of the point table with Cycles 200 to 208 and 262 to 267

The TNC interprets the points of the working plane as coordinates of the hole centers. If you want to use the coordinate defined in the point table for the spindle axis as the starting point coordinate, you must define the workpiece surface coordinate (Q203) as 0.

### Effect of the point table with Cycles 251 to 254

The TNC interprets the points of the working plane as coordinates of the cycle starting point. If you want to use the coordinate defined in the point table for the spindle axis as the starting point coordinate, you must define the workpiece surface coordinate (Q203) as 0.












# 3

**Fixed Cycles:  
Drilling**

## 3.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

The TNC offers the following cycles for all types of drilling operations:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	240 CENTERING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance, optional entry of the centering diameter or centering depth	71
	200 DRILLING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	73
	201 REAMING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	75
	202 BORING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	77
	203 UNIVERSAL DRILLING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance, chip breaking, and decrementing	80
	204 BACK BORING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	86
	205 UNIVERSAL PECKING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance, chip breaking, and advanced stop distance	90
	208 BORE MILLING With automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	98
	241 SINGLE-LIP D.H.DRLNG With automatic pre-positioning to deepened starting point, shaft speed and coolant definition	101

## 3.2 CENTERING (Cycle 240, DIN/ISO: G240, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool is centered at the programmed feed rate **F** to the programmed centering diameter or centering depth.
- 3 If defined, the tool remains at the centering depth.
- 4 Finally, the tool path is retraced to setup clearance or—if programmed—to the 2nd setup clearance at rapid traverse **FMAX**.

### Please note while programming:



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with the radius compensation **R0**

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter **Q344** (diameter) or **Q201** (depth) determines the working direction. If you program the diameter or depth = 0, the cycle will not be executed.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

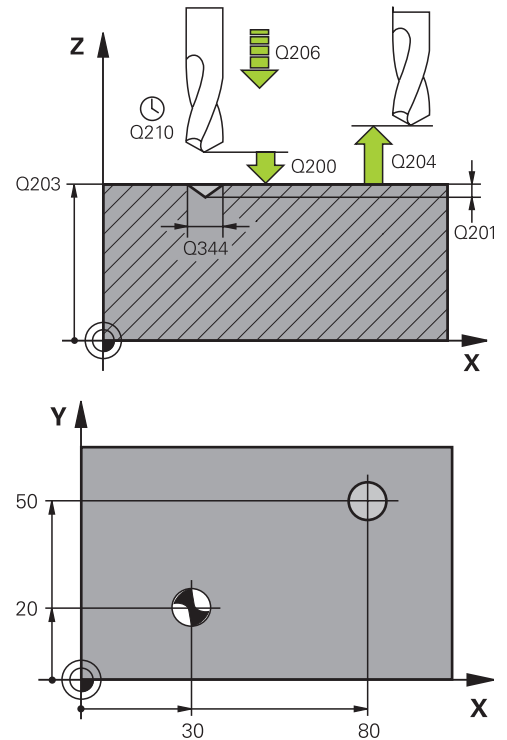
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Enter a positive value. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q343 Select diameter/depth (1/0):** Select whether centering is based on the entered diameter or entered depth. If the TNC is to center based on the entered diameter, the point angle of the tool must be defined in the **T angle** column of the tool table TOOL.T.  
**0:** Centering based on the entered depth  
**1:** Centering based on the entered diameter
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and centering bottom (tip of centering taper). Only effective if Q343=0 is defined. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q344 Diameter of counterbore** (algebraic sign): Centering diameter. Only effective if Q343=1 is defined. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while centering. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO, fu**
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



### NC blocks

10	L	Z+100	R0	FMAX
11	CYCL DEF	240	CENTERING	
	Q200=2		;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
	Q343=1		;SELECT DIA./DEPTH	
	Q201=+0		;DEPTH	
	Q344=-9		;DIAMETER	
	Q206=250		;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
	Q211=0.1		;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
	Q203=+20		;SURFACE COORDINATE	
	Q204=100		;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
12	L	X+30	Y+20	R0 FMAX M3 M99
13	L	X+80	Y+50	R0 FMAX M99

### 3.3 DRILLING (Cycle 200)

#### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool drills to the first plunging depth at the programmed feed rate **F**.
- 3 The TNC returns the tool at **FMAX** to the set-up clearance, dwells there (if a dwell time was entered), and then moves at **FMAX** to the set-up clearance above the first plunging depth.
- 4 The tool then drills deeper by the plunging depth at the programmed feed rate **F**.
- 5 The TNC repeats this process (2 to 4) until the programmed depth is reached (the dwell time from Q211 is effective with every infeed)
- 6 Finally, the tool path is retraced to setup clearance from the hole bottom or—if programmed—to the 2nd setup clearance at **FMAX**.

#### Please note while programming:



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

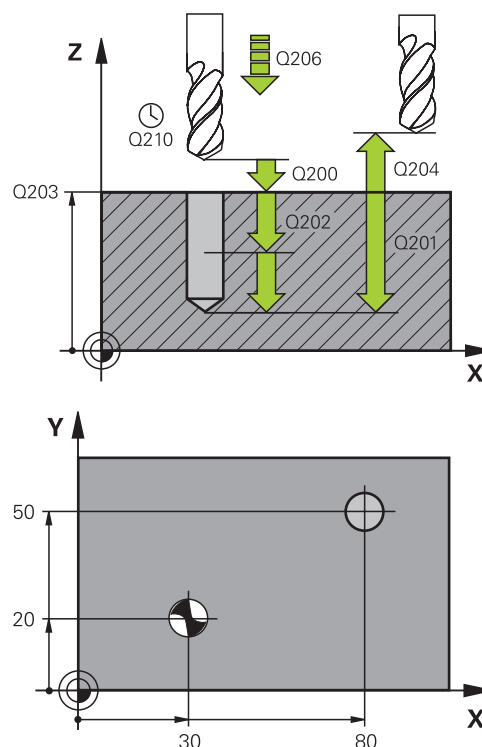
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Enter a positive value. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while drilling. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut Input range 0 to 99999.9999  
The depth does not have to be a multiple of the plunging depth. The TNC will go to depth in one movement if:
  - the plunging depth is equal to the depth
  - the plunging depth is greater than the depth
- ▶ **Q210 Dwell time at the top?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at set-up clearance after having been retracted from the hole for chip breaking. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q395 Diameter as reference (0/1)?**: Select whether the entered depth is referenced to the tool tip or the cylindrical part of the tool. If the TNC is to reference the depth to the cylindrical part of the tool, the point angle of the tool must be defined in the **T ANGLE** column of the tool table **TOOL.T**.  
**0** = Depth referenced to the tool tip  
**1** = Depth referenced to the cylindrical part of the tool



### NC blocks

<b>11 CYCL DEF 200 DRILLING</b>	
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q201=-15</b>	<b>;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q206=250</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q211=0</b>	<b>;DWELL TIME AT TOP</b>
<b>Q203=+20</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=100</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q211=0.1</b>	<b>;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH</b>
<b>Q395=0</b>	<b>;DEPTH REFERENCE</b>
<b>12 L X+30 Y+20 FMAX M3</b>	
<b>13 CYCL CALL</b>	
<b>14 L X+80 Y+50 FMAX M99</b>	

### 3.4 REAMING (Cycle 201, DIN/ISO: G201, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool reams to the entered depth at the programmed feed rate **F**.
- 3 If programmed, the tool remains at the hole bottom for the entered dwell time.
- 4 The tool then retracts to set-up clearance at the feed rate **F**, and from there—if programmed—to the 2nd set-up clearance in **FMAX**.

#### Please note while programming:



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

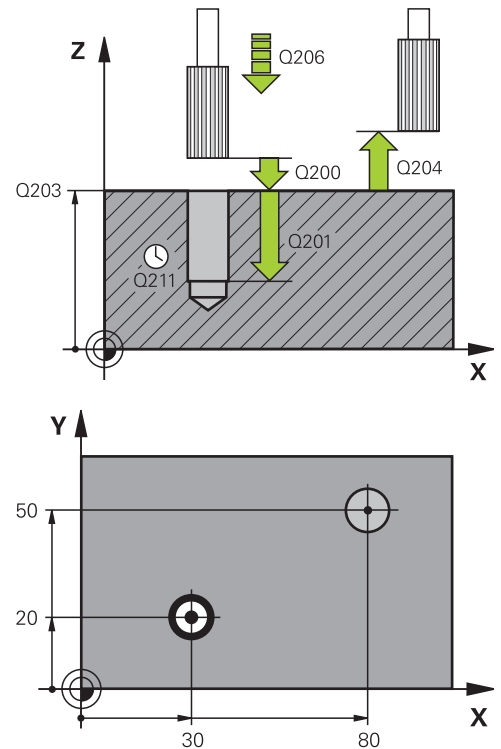
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- Enter depth as negative
- Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while reaming. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO, fu**
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?**: Traverse speed of tool when moving out of the hole in mm/min. If you enter Q208 = 0, the feed rate for reaming applies. Input range 0 to 99999.999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

<b>11 CYCL DEF 201 REAMING</b>
<b>Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q201=-15 ;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q206=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q211=0.5 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH</b>
<b>Q208=250 ;RETRACTION FEED RATE</b>
<b>Q203=+20 ;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=100 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>12 L X+30 Y+20 FMAX M3</b>
<b>13 CYCL CALL</b>
<b>14 L X+80 Y+50 FMAX M9</b>
<b>15 L Z+100 FMAX M2</b>

### 3.5 BORING (Cycle 202, DIN/ISO: G202, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool drills to the programmed depth at the feed rate for plunging.
- 3 If programmed, the tool remains at the hole bottom for the entered dwell time with active spindle rotation for cutting free.
- 4 The TNC then orients the spindle to the position that is defined in parameter Q336.
- 5 If retraction is selected, the tool retracts in the programmed direction by 0.2 mm (fixed value).
- 6 The tool then retracts to set-up clearance at the retraction rate, and from there—if programmed—to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**. If Q214=0 the tool point remains on the wall of the hole.
- 7 The TNC finally positions the tool back at the center of the hole.

**Please note while programming:**

Machine and TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for use of this cycle.

This cycle is effective only for machines with servo-controlled spindle.



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

After machining, the TNC positions the tool back at the starting point of the machining plane. This way, you can continue positioning incrementally.

If the functions M7 or M8 were active before calling the cycle, the TNC will reconstruct this previous state at the end of the cycle.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

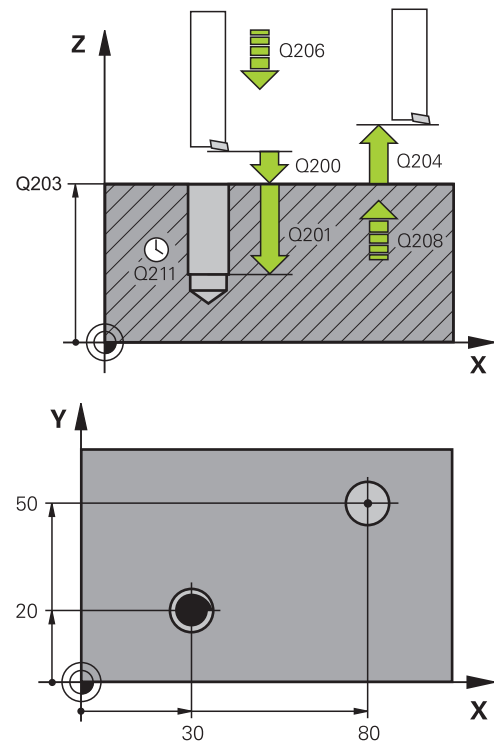
There is a danger of collision if you select the disengaging direction incorrectly. Any existing mirroring in the work plane is not taken into account for the disengaging direction. However, active transformations are considered with disengaging.

- ▶ Check the position of the tool tip when you program a spindle orientation to the angle that you enter in Q336 (for example, in the **Positioning with Manual Data Input** mode of operation). No transformations should be active here.
- ▶ Select the angle so that the tool tip is parallel to the disengaging direction
- ▶ Select the disengaging direction Q214 so that the tool moves away from the edge of the hole

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while boring. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?**: Traverse speed of tool when moving out of the hole in mm/min. If you enter Q208 = 0, the feed rate for plunging applies. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **Fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q214 Disengaging directn (0/1/2/3/4)?**: Determine the direction in which the TNC disengages the tool at the hole bottom (after the spindle orientation)
  - 0**: Do not disengage the tool
  - 1**: Disengage the tool in a minus direction of the reference axis
  - 2**: Disengage the tool in a minus direction of the minor axis
  - 3**: Disengage the tool in a plus direction of the reference axis
  - 4**: Disengage the tool in a plus direction of the minor axis
- ▶ **Q336 Angle for spindle orientation?** (absolute): Angle to which the TNC positions the tool before retracting it. Input range -360.000 to 360.000



10	L	Z+100	R0	FMAX
11	CYCL DEF	202	BORING	
	Q200=2		;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
	Q201=-15		;DEPTH	
	Q206=100		;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
	Q211=0.5		;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
	Q208=250		;RETRACTION FEED RATE	
	Q203=+20		;SURFACE COORDINATE	
	Q204=100		;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
	Q214=1		;DISENGAGING DIRECTN	
	Q336=0		;ANGLE OF SPINDLE	
12	L	X+30	Y+20	FMAX M3
13	CYCL	CALL		
14	L	X+80	Y+50	FMAX M99

### 3.6 UNIVERSAL DRILLING (Cycle 203, DIN/ISO: G203, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

##### Behavior without chip breaking and without decrement:

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the spindle axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the programmed **SET-UP CLEARANCEQ200** above the workpiece surface
- 2 The tool drills at the programmed **FEED RATE FOR PLNGNGQ206** to the first **PLUNGING DEPTHQ202**
- 3 Then the TNC removes the tool from the hole to **SET-UP CLEARANCEQ200**
- 4 The TNC now again plunges the tool at rapid traverse into the hole and then again drills an infeed of **PLUNGING DEPTHQ202** **FEED RATE FOR PLNGNGQ206**
- 5 When machining without chip breakage the TNC removes the tool from the hole after each infeed with **RETRACTION FEED RATEQ208** to **SET-UP CLEARANCEQ200** and remains there for the **DWELL TIME AT TOPQ210**.
- 6 This procedure is repeated until **depth Q201** is achieved.
- 7 When **depth Q201** is achieved, the TNC removes the tool with **Fmax** from the hole to the **2nd set-up clearance Q204**

**Behavior with chip breaking and without decrement:**

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool drills at the programmed **feed rate for plunging Q206** to the first **plunging depth Q202**
- 3 The TNC then disengages the tool by the value of **Retraction rate for chip breaking Q256**
- 4 An infeed is then again machined by the value of **plunging depth Q202** at **feed rate for plunging Q206**
- 5 The TNC repeatedly infeeds until achieving the **number of chip breaks Q213** or until the hole has the desired **depth Q201**.  
If the defined number of chip breaks is achieved but the hole does not yet have the desired **depth Q201**, the TNC retracts the tool from the hole at **feed rate for retraction Q208** to **set-up clearance Q200**
- 6 If programmed, the TNC now waits in accordance with the **dwel time at top Q210**
- 7 Then the TNC plunges at rapid traverse into the hole to the value **retraction rate for chip breaking Q256** above the last infeed depth
- 8 Procedure 2-7 is repeated until **depth Q201** is achieved.
- 9 When **Depth Q201** is achieved, the TNC removes the tool with **Fmax** from the hole to the **2nd set-up clearance Q204**

**Behavior with chip breaking and with decrement**

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the spindle axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the programmed set-up clearance above the workpiece surface
- 2 The tool drills at the programmed **feed rate for plunging Q206** to the first **plunging depth Q202**
- 3 The TNC then disengages the tool by the value of **Retraction rate for chip breaking Q256**
- 4 An infeed is then again machined by the value of **plunging depth Q202** minus **decrement Q212** at **feed rate for plunging Q206**. The continuously declining difference from the updated **plunging depth Q202** minus **decrement Q212** must never be less than the **minimum plunging depth Q205** (example:  $Q202=5$ ,  $Q212=1$ ,  $Q213=4$ ,  $Q205=3$ : The first plunging depth is 5 mm, the second plunging depth is  $5 - 1 = 4$  mm, the third plunging depth is  $4 - 1 = 3$  mm and the fourth plunging depth is also 3 mm)
- 5 The TNC repeatedly infeeds until achieving the **number of chip breaks Q213** or until the hole has the desired **depth Q201**. If the defined number of chip breaks is achieved but the hole does not yet have the desired **depth Q201**, the TNC retracts the tool from the hole at **feed rate for retraction Q208** to **set-up clearance Q200**
- 6 If programmed, the TNC now waits in accordance with the **dwel time at top Q210**
- 7 Then the TNC plunges at rapid traverse into the hole to the value **retraction rate for chip breaking Q256** above the last infeed depth
- 8 Procedure 2-7 is repeated until **depth Q201** is achieved.
- 9 If programmed, the TNC now waits in accordance with the **dwel time at depth Q211**
- 10 When **Depth Q201** is achieved and **dwel time at depth Q211** has expired, the TNC removes the tool with **Fmax** from the hole to the **2nd set-up clearance Q204**

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

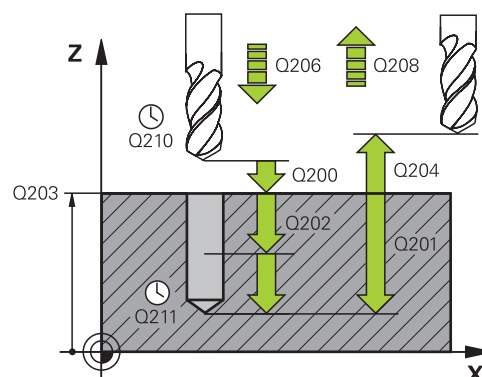
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while drilling. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut Input range 0 to 99999.9999
  - The depth does not have to be a multiple of the plunging depth. The TNC will go to depth in one movement if:
    - the plunging depth is equal to the depth
    - the plunging depth is greater than the depth
- ▶ **Q210 Dwell time at the top?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at set-up clearance after having been retracted from the hole for chip breaking. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q212 Decrement?** (incremental): Value by which the TNC decreases **Q202 MAX. PLUNGING DEPTH** after each infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q213 Nr of breaks before retracting?**: Number of chip breaks after which the TNC is to withdraw the tool from the hole for chip breaking. For chip breaking, the TNC retracts the tool each time by the value in Q256. Input range 0 to 99999
- ▶ **Q205 Minimum plunging depth?** (incremental): If you have programmed **Q212 DECREMENT** the TNC limits the infeed to **Q205**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

11 CYCL DEF 203 UNIVERSAL DRILLING	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-20	;DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q202=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q211=0	;DWELL TIME AT TOP
Q203=+20	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q212=0.2	;DECREMENT
Q213=3	;NR OF BREAKS
Q205=3	;MIN. PLUNGING DEPTH
Q211=0.25	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH
Q208=500	;RETRACTION FEED RATE
Q256=0.2	;DIST FOR CHIP BRKNG
Q395=0	;DEPTH REFERENCE

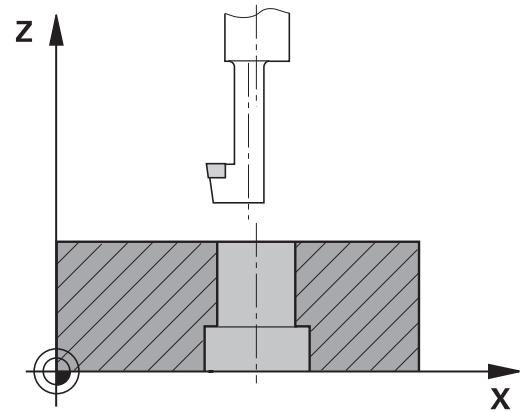
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?:** Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?:** Traverse speed of tool when moving out of the hole in mm/min. If you enter  $Q208 = 0$ , the TNC retracts the tool at the feed rate  $Q206$ . Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **Fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q256 Retract dist. for chip breaking?**  
(incremental): Value by which the TNC retracts the tool during chip breaking. Input range 0.000 to 99999.999
- ▶ **Q395 Diameter as reference (0/1)?:** Select whether the entered depth is referenced to the tool tip or the cylindrical part of the tool. If the TNC is to reference the depth to the cylindrical part of the tool, the point angle of the tool must be defined in the **T ANGLE** column of the tool table **TOOL.T**.  
**0** = Depth referenced to the tool tip  
**1** = Depth referenced to the cylindrical part of the tool

### 3.7 BACK BORING (Cycle 204, DIN/ISO: G204, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

This cycle allows holes to be bored from the underside of the workpiece.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The TNC then orients the spindle to the 0° position with an oriented spindle stop and displaces the tool by the off-center distance.
- 3 The tool is then plunged into the already bored hole at the feed rate for pre-positioning until the tooth has reached set-up clearance on the underside of the workpiece.
- 4 The TNC then centers the tool again over the bore hole, switches on the spindle and the coolant and moves at the feed rate for boring to the depth of bore.
- 5 If a dwell time is entered, the tool will pause at the top of the bore hole and will then be retracted from the hole again. The TNC carries out another oriented spindle stop and the tool is once again displaced by the off-center distance.
- 6 The tool then retracts to set-up clearance at the feed rate for pre-positioning, and from there—if programmed—to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**.
- 7 The TNC finally positions the tool back at the center of the hole.



**Please note while programming:**

Machine and TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for use of this cycle.

This cycle is effective only for machines with servo-controlled spindle.

Special boring bars for upward cutting are required for this cycle.



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

After machining, the TNC positions the tool back at the starting point of the machining plane. This way, you can continue positioning incrementally.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter depth determines the working direction. Note: A positive sign bores in the direction of the positive spindle axis.

Enter the tool length so that the underside of the boring bar is measured and not the tool tip.

When calculating the starting point for boring, the TNC considers the tooth length of the boring bar and the thickness of the material.

If the functions M7 or M8 were active before calling the cycle, the TNC will reconstruct this previous state at the end of the cycle.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

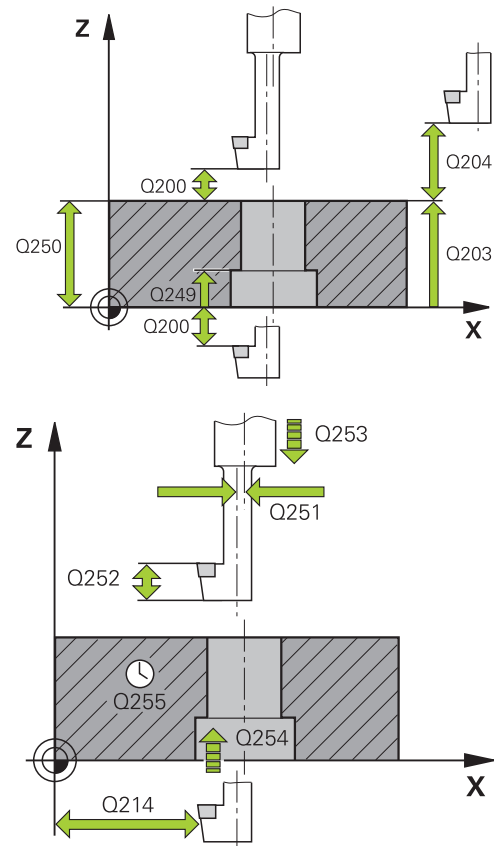
There is a danger of collision if you select the disengaging direction incorrectly. Any existing mirroring in the work plane is not taken into account for the disengaging direction. However, active transformations are considered with disengaging.

- ▶ Check the position of the tool tip when you program a spindle orientation to the angle that you enter in Q336 (for example, in the **Positioning with Manual Data Input** mode of operation). No transformations should be active here.
- ▶ Select the angle so that the tool tip is parallel to the disengaging direction
- ▶ Select the disengaging direction Q214 so that the tool moves away from the edge of the hole

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q249 Depth of counterbore?** (incremental): Distance between underside of workpiece and the top of hole. A positive sign means the hole will be bored in the positive spindle axis direction. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q250 Material thickness?** (incremental): Thickness of the workpiece. Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q251 Tool edge off-center distance?** (incremental): Off-center distance for the boring bar; value from the tool data sheet. Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q252 Tool edge height?** (incremental): Distance between the underside of the boring bar and the main cutting tooth; value from tool data sheet. Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when plunging into the workpiece, or when retracting from the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q254 Feed rate for counterboring?** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during counterboring. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**
- ▶ **Q255 Dwell time in secs.?** Dwell time at counterbore floor. Input range 0 to 3600.000
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



### NC blocks

#### 11 CYCL DEF 204 BACK BORING

Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE

Q249=+5 ;DEPTH OF COUNTERBORE

Q250=20 ;MATERIAL THICKNESS

Q251=3.5 ;OFF-CENTER DISTANCE

Q252=15 ;TOOL EDGE HEIGHT

Q253=750 ;F PRE-POSITIONING

- ▶ **Q214 Disengaging directn (0/1/2/3/4)?:**  
Determine the direction in which the TNC displaces the tool by the off-center distance (after spindle orientation); programming 0 is not allowed
  - 1:** Retract the tool in negative direction of the principle axis
  - 2:** Retract the tool in negative direction of the minor axis
  - 3:** Retract the tool in positive direction of the principle axis
  - 4:** Retract the tool in positive direction of the minor axis
- ▶ **Q336 Angle for spindle orientation? (absolute):**  
Angle at which the TNC positions the tool before it is plunged into or retracted from the bore hole.  
Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000

<b>Q254=200</b>	<b>;F COUNTERBORING</b>
<b>Q255=0</b>	<b>;DWELL TIME</b>
<b>Q203=+20</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q214=1</b>	<b>;DISENGAGING DIRECTN</b>
<b>Q336=0</b>	<b>;ANGLE OF SPINDLE</b>

### 3.8 UNIVERSAL PECKING (Cycle 205, DIN/ISO: G205, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 If you enter a deepened starting point, the TNC move at the defined positioning feed rate to the set-up clearance above the deepened starting point.
- 3 The tool drills to the first plunging depth at the entered feed rate **F**.
- 4 If you have programmed chip breaking, the tool then retracts by the entered retraction value. If you are working without chip breaking, the tool is moved at rapid traverse to the set-up clearance, and then at **FMAX** to the entered starting position above the first plunging depth.
- 5 The tool then advances with another infeed at the programmed feed rate. If programmed, the plunging depth is decreased after each infeed by the decrement.
- 6 The TNC repeats this process (2 to 4) until the programmed total hole depth is reached.
- 7 The tool remains at the hole bottom—if programmed—for the entered dwell time to cut free, and then retracts to set-up clearance at the retraction feed rate. If programmed, the tool moves to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

If you enter different advance stop distances for **Q258** and **Q259**, the TNC will change the advance stop distances between the first and last plunging depths at the same rate.

If you use **Q379** to enter a deepened starting point, the TNC merely changes the starting point of the infeed movement. The TNC does not change retracting movements; they are referenced to the coordinate of the workpiece surface.

### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

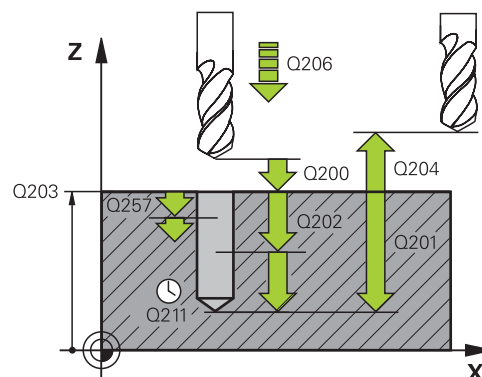
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole (tip of drill taper). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while drilling. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut Input range 0 to 99999.9999  
The depth does not have to be a multiple of the plunging depth. The TNC will go to depth in one movement if:
  - the plunging depth is equal to the depth
  - the plunging depth is greater than the depth
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q212 Decrement?** (incremental): Value by which the TNC decreases the plunging depth Q202. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q205 Minimum plunging depth?** (incremental): If you have programmed **Q212 DECREMENT** the TNC limits the infeed to **Q205**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q258 Upper advanced stop distance?** (incremental): Setup clearance for rapid traverse positioning when the TNC moves the tool again to the current plunging depth after retraction from the hole. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q259 Lower advanced stop distance?** (incremental): Lower advanced stop distance Q259 (incremental): Setup clearance for rapid traverse positioning when the TNC moves the tool again to the current plunging depth after retraction from the hole; value for the last plunging depth. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

11 CYCL DEF 205 UNIVERSAL PECKING	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-80	;DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q202=15	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q203=+100	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q212=0.5	;DECREMENT
Q205=3	;MIN. PLUNGING DEPTH
Q258=0.5	;UPPER ADV STOP DIST
Q259=1	;LOWER ADV STOP DIST
Q257=5	;DEPTH FOR CHIP BRKNG
Q256=0.2	;DIST FOR CHIP BRKNG
Q211=0.25	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH
Q379=7.5	;STARTING POINT
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q208=9999	;RETRACTION FEED RATE
Q395=0	;DEPTH REFERENCE

- ▶ **Q257 Infeed depth for chip breaking?**  
(incremental): Plunging depth after which the TNC breaks the chip. No chip breaking if 0 is entered.  
Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q256 Retract dist. for chip breaking?**  
(incremental): Value by which the TNC retracts the tool during chip breaking. Input range 0.000 to 99999.999
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?:** Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q379 Deepened starting point?** (incremental with respect to **Q203 SURFACE COORDINATE**, takes Q200 into account): Starting position of actual drilling. The TNC moves at **Q253 F PRE-POSITIONING** to the value **Q200 SET-UP CLEARANCE** above the deepened starting point.  
Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Defines the traversing speed of the tool when returning to **Q201 DEPTH** after **Q256 DIST FOR CHIP BRKNG**. This feed rate is also in effect when the tool is positioned to **Q379 STARTING POINT** (not equal 0). Entry in mm/min. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax, FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when retracting after the machining operation. If you enter Q208 = 0, the TNC retracts the tool at the feed rate Q206. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **fmax,FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q395 Diameter as reference (0/1)?:** Select whether the entered depth is referenced to the tool tip or the cylindrical part of the tool. If the TNC is to reference the depth to the cylindrical part of the tool, the point angle of the tool must be defined in the **T ANGLE** column of the tool table TOOL.T.  
**0** = Depth referenced to the tool tip  
**1** = Depth referenced to the cylindrical part of the tool

## Position behavior when working with Q379

Several aspects must be observed when working with very long drilling tools, e.g. single-lip deep hole drills or extra-long twist drills. The position at which the spindle is switched on is decisive. With extra-long drills, tool breakage may occur if the tool is not guided.

For this reason it is recommended to use the parameter **STARTING POINT Q379**. This parameter enables you to influence the position at which the TNC activates the spindle.

### Start of drilling

The parameter **STARTING POINT Q379** takes into account **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203** and the parameter **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200**. The following example demonstrates the relationship between the parameters and how the start position is calculated:

#### STARTING POINT Q379=0

- The TNC activates the spindle to **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200** via **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203**.

#### STARTING POINT Q379>0

The start of drilling is at a specific value above the deepened starting point Q379. This value is calculated as follows:

**0.2 x Q379** If the result of this calculation is greater than Q200 the value is always Q200.

Example:

- **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203 =0**
- **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200 =2**
- **STARTING POINT Q379 =2**
- The start of drilling is calculated as follows:  
 $0.2 \times Q379 = 0.2 \times 2 = 0.4$ ; start of drilling is 0.4 mm/inch above the deepened starting point. Thus if the deepened starting point is at -2 the TNC initiates the drilling process at -1.6 mm.

The following table shows various examples for calculating the start of drilling:

**Start of drilling at deepened starting point**

Q200	Q379	Q203	Position at which pre-positioning is executed with FMAX	Factor 0.2 * Q379	Start of drilling
2	2	0	2	$0.2 * 2 = 0.4$	-1.6
2	5	0	2	$0.2 * 5 = 1$	-4
2	10	0	2	$0.2 * 10 = 2$	-8
2	25	0	2	$0.2 * 25 = 5$ (Q200=2, $5 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-23
2	100	0	2	$0.2 * 100 = 20$ (Q200=2, $20 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-98
5	2	0	5	$0.2 * 2 = 0.4$	-1.6
5	5	0	5	$0.2 * 5 = 1$	-4
5	10	0	5	$0.2 * 10 = 2$	-8
5	25	0	5	$0.2 * 25 = 5$	-20
5	100	0	5	$0.2 * 100 = 20$ (Q200=5, $20 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-95
20	2	0	20	$0.2 * 2 = 0.4$	-1.6
20	5	0	20	$0.2 * 5 = 1$	-4
20	10	0	20	$0.2 * 10 = 2$	-8
20	25	0	20	$0.2 * 25 = 5$	-20
20	100	0	20	$0.2 * 100 = 20$	-80

### Chip breaking

The point at which the TNC breaks the chip is also decisive when working with extra-long tools. The retraction position with chip breaking does not have to be at the position at which drilling is started. A defined position for chip breakage can ensure that the drill tool remains in the guide.

#### STARTING POINT Q379=0

- Chip breaking is performed at **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200** above the **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203**.

#### STARTING POINT Q379>0

Chip breaking is performed at a specific value above the deepened starting point Q379. This value is calculated as follows:  **$0.8 \times Q379$**  If the result of this calculation is greater than Q200 the value is always Q200.

Example:

- **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203 =0**
- **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200 =2**
- **STARTING POINT Q379 =2**
- The position for chip breaking is calculated as follows:  
 $0.8 \times Q379 = 0.8 \times 2 = 1.6$ ; the position for chip breaking is 1.6 mm/  
 inch above the deepened starting point. Thus if the deepened  
 starting point is at -2 the TNC traverses for chip breaking to  
 -0.4 mm.

The following table shows various examples for calculating the position for chip breaking (retraction position):

**Position for chip breaking (retraction position) with deepened starting point**

Q200	Q379	Q203	Position at which pre-positioning is executed with FMAX	Factor 0.8 * Q379	Return position
2	2	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 2 = 1.6$	- 0.4
2	5	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 5 = 4$	-3
2	10	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 10 = 8$ (Q200=2, $8 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-8
2	25	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 25 = 20$ (Q200=2, $20 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-23
2	100	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 100 = 80$ (Q200=2, $80 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-98
5	2	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 2 = 1.6$	-0.4
5	5	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 5 = 4$	-1
5	10	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 10 = 8$ (Q200=5, $8 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-5
5	25	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 25 = 20$ (Q200=5, $20 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-20
5	100	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 100 = 80$ (Q200=5, $80 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-95
20	2	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 2 = 1.6$	-1.6
20	5	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 5 = 4$	-4
20	10	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 10 = 8$	-8
20	25	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 25 = 20$	-20
20	100	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 100 = 80$ (Q200=20, $80 > 20$ , thus the value 20 is used.)	-80

### 3.9 BORE MILLING (Cycle 208, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the programmed set-up clearance above the workpiece surface and then moves the tool to the bore hole circumference on a rounded arc (if enough space is available).
- 2 The tool mills in a helix from the current position to the first plunging depth at the programmed feed rate **F**.
- 3 When the drilling depth is reached, the TNC once again traverses a full circle to remove the material remaining after the initial plunge.
- 4 The TNC then positions the tool at the center of the hole again.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns to the setup clearance at **FMAX**. If programmed, the tool moves to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

If you have entered the bore hole diameter to be the same as the tool diameter, the TNC will bore directly to the entered depth without any helical interpolation.

An active mirror function **does not** influence the type of milling defined in the cycle.

Note that if the infeed distance is too large, the tool or the workpiece may be damaged.

To prevent the infeeds from being too large, enter the maximum plunge angle of the tool in the **ANGLE** column of the tool table. The TNC then automatically calculates the max. infeed permitted and changes your entered value accordingly.

### NOTICE

#### **Danger of collision!**

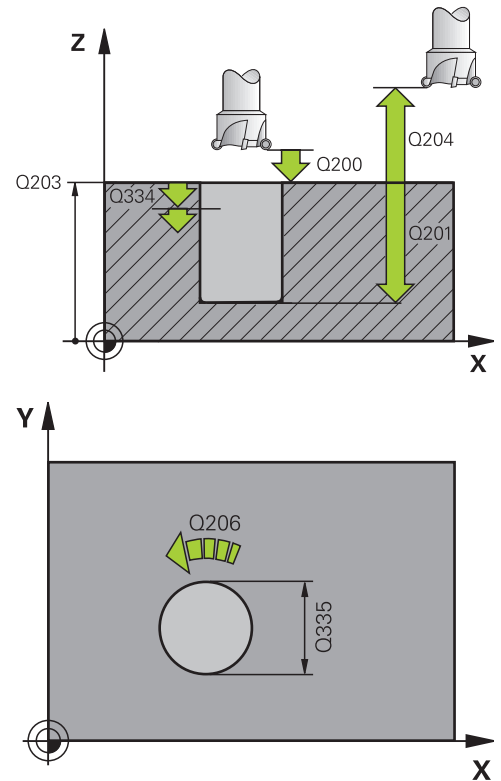
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between underside of workpiece and the workpiece top surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during helical drilling. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO, FU, FZ**
- ▶ **Q334 Feed per revolution of helix** (incremental): Depth of the tool plunge with each helix (=360°). Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q335 Nominal diameter?** (absolute): Bore-hole diameter. If you have entered the nominal diameter to be the same as the tool diameter, the TNC will bore directly to the entered depth without any helical interpolation. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q342 Roughing diameter?** (absolute): As soon as you enter a value greater than 0 in Q342, the TNC no longer checks the ratio between the nominal diameter and the tool diameter. This allows you to rough-mill holes whose diameter is more than twice as large as the tool diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3  
**+1** = Climb milling  
**-1** = Up-cut milling (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)



## NC blocks

12 CYCL DEF 208 BORE MILLING	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-80	;DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q334=1.5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q203=+100	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q335=25	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q342=0	;ROUGHING DIAMETER
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT

### 3.10 SINGLE-LIP DEEP-HOLE DRILLING (Cycle 241, DIN/ISO: G241, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the spindle axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the programmed **Safety clearance Q200** above the **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203**
- 2 Depending on the "Position behavior when working with Q379", page 94, the TNC switches the spindle speed either to the **Safety clearance Q200** or to a specific value above the coordinate surface. See page 94
- 3 The TNC executes the approach motion with the direction of rotation defined in the cycle, with clockwise, counterclockwise or stationary spindle.
- 4 The tool drills to the hole depth at the feed rate **F**, or to the plunging depth if a smaller infeed value has been entered. The plunging depth is decreased after each infeed by the decrement. If you have entered a dwell depth, the TNC reduces the feed rate by the feed rate factor after the dwell depth has been reached.
- 5 If programmed, the tool remains at the hole bottom for chip breaking.
- 6 The TNC repeats this process (4 to 5) until the hole depth is reached.
- 7 After the TNC has reached the hole depth, it switches off the coolant and resets the drilling speed to the value defined in Q427 **ROT.SPEED INFEEED/OUT**.
- 8 The TNC positions the tool at the retraction feed rate to the retraction position. Refer to the following document for the value of the retraction position in your case: See page 94
- 9 If programmed, the tool moves to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

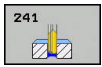
The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

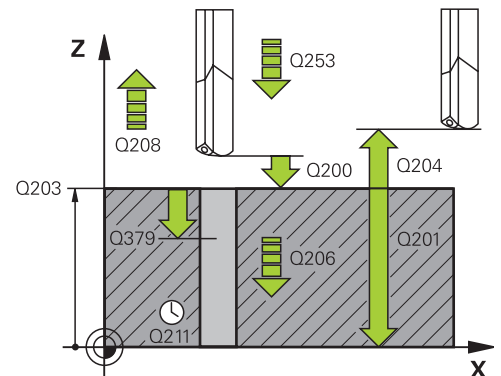
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance of tool tip to **Q203 SURFACE COORDINATE**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance of **Q203 SURFACE COORDINATE** to bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while drilling. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO, FU**
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?**: Time in seconds that the tool remains at the hole bottom. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Distance to workpiece datum. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q379 Deepened starting point?** (incremental with respect to **Q203 SURFACE COORDINATE**, takes Q200 into account): Starting position of actual drilling. The TNC moves at **Q253 F PRE-POSITIONING** to the value **Q200 SET-UP CLEARANCE** above the deepened starting point. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?**: Defines the traversing speed of the tool when returning to **Q201 DEPTH** after **Q256 DIST FOR CHIP BRKNG**. This feed rate is also in effect when the tool is positioned to **Q379 STARTING POINT** (not equal 0). Entry in mm/min. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax, FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?**: Traverse speed of tool when moving out of the hole in mm/min. If you enter **Q208=0**, the TNC retracts the tool at **Q206 FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG**. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **Fmax, FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q426 Rot. dir. of entry/exit (3/4/5)?**: Rotational speed at which the tool is to rotate when moving into and retracting from the hole. Input:
  - 3**: Turn the spindle with M3
  - 4**: Turn the spindle with M4
  - 5**: Move with stationary spindle



## NC blocks

11 CYCL DEF 241 SINGLE-LIP D.H.DRLNG	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-80	;DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q211=0.25	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH
Q203=+100	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q379=7.5	;STARTING POINT
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q208=1000	;RETRACTION FEED RATE
Q426=3	;DIR. OF SPINDLE ROT.
Q427=25	;ROT.SPEED INFED/OUT
Q428=500	;ROT. SPEED DRILLING
Q429=8	;COOLANT ON
Q430=9	;COOLANT OFF
Q435=0	;DWELL DEPTH
Q401=100	;FEED RATE FACTOR
Q202=9999	;MAX. PLUNGING DEPTH
Q212=0	;DECREMENT
Q205=0	;MIN. PLUNGING DEPTH

- ▶ **Q427 Spindle speed of entry/exit?:** Rotational speed at which the tool is to rotate when moving into and retracting from the hole. Input range 0 to 99999
- ▶ **Q428 Spindle speed for drilling?:** Desired speed for drilling. Input range 0 to 99999
- ▶ **Q429 M function for coolant on?:** Miscellaneous function M for switching on the coolant. The TNC switches the coolant on if the tool is in the hole at **Q379 STARTING POINT**. Input range 0 to 999
- ▶ **Q430 M function for coolant off?:** Miscellaneous function M for switching off the coolant. The TNC switches the coolant off if the tool is at **Q201 DEPTH**. Input range 0 to 999
- ▶ **Q435 Dwell depth? (incremental):** Coordinate in the spindle axis at which the tool is to dwell. If 0 is entered, the function is not active (standard setting). Application: During machining of through-holes some tools require a short dwell time before exiting the bottom of the hole in order to transport the chips to the top. Define a value smaller than **Q201 DEPTH**, input range 0 to 99999.9999.
- ▶ **Q401 Feed rate factor in %?:** Factor by which the TNC reduces the feed rate after the **Q435 DWELL DEPTH** has been reached. Input range 0 to 100
- ▶ **Q202 Maximum plunging depth? (incremental):** Infeed per cut **Q201 DEPTH** does not have to be a multiple of **Q202**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q212 Decrement? (incremental):** Value by which the TNC decreases **Q202 MAX. PLUNGING DEPTH** after each infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q205 Minimum plunging depth? (incremental):** If you have programmed **Q212 DECREMENT** the TNC limits the infeed to **Q205**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999

## Position behavior when working with Q379

Several aspects must be observed when working with very long drilling tools, e.g. single-lip deep hole drills or extra-long twist drills. The position at which the spindle is switched on is decisive. With extra-long drills, tool breakage may occur if the tool is not guided.

For this reason it is recommended to use the parameter **STARTING POINT Q379**. This parameter enables you to influence the position at which the TNC activates the spindle.

### Start of drilling

The parameter **STARTING POINT Q379** takes into account **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203** and the parameter **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200**. The following example demonstrates the relationship between the parameters and how the start position is calculated:

#### STARTING POINT Q379=0

- The TNC activates the spindle to **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200** via **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203**.

#### STARTING POINT Q379>0

The start of drilling is at a specific value above the deepened starting point Q379. This value is calculated as follows:

**0.2 x Q379** If the result of this calculation is greater than Q200 the value is always Q200.

Example:

- **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203** =0
- **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200** =2
- **STARTING POINT Q379** =2
- The start of drilling is calculated as follows:  
 $0.2 \times Q379 = 0.2 \times 2 = 0.4$ ; start of drilling is 0.4 mm/inch above the deepened starting point. Thus if the deepened starting point is at -2 the TNC initiates the drilling process at -1.6 mm.

The following table shows various examples for calculating the start of drilling:

**Start of drilling at deepened starting point**

Q200	Q379	Q203	Position at which pre-positioning is executed with FMAX	Factor 0.2 * Q379	Start of drilling
2	2	0	2	$0.2 * 2 = 0.4$	-1.6
2	5	0	2	$0.2 * 5 = 1$	-4
2	10	0	2	$0.2 * 10 = 2$	-8
2	25	0	2	$0.2 * 25 = 5$ (Q200=2, $5 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-23
2	100	0	2	$0.2 * 100 = 20$ (Q200=2, $20 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-98
5	2	0	5	$0.2 * 2 = 0.4$	-1.6
5	5	0	5	$0.2 * 5 = 1$	-4
5	10	0	5	$0.2 * 10 = 2$	-8
5	25	0	5	$0.2 * 25 = 5$	-20
5	100	0	5	$0.2 * 100 = 20$ (Q200=5, $20 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-95
20	2	0	20	$0.2 * 2 = 0.4$	-1.6
20	5	0	20	$0.2 * 5 = 1$	-4
20	10	0	20	$0.2 * 10 = 2$	-8
20	25	0	20	$0.2 * 25 = 5$	-20
20	100	0	20	$0.2 * 100 = 20$	-80

**Chip breaking**

The point at which the TNC breaks the chip is also decisive when working with extra-long tools. The retraction position with chip breaking does not have to be at the position at which drilling is started. A defined position for chip breakage can ensure that the drill tool remains in the guide.

**STARTING POINT Q379=0**

- Chip breaking is performed at **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200** above the **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203**.

**STARTING POINT Q379>0**

Chip breaking is performed at a specific value above the deepened starting point Q379. This value is calculated as follows:  **$0.8 \times Q379$**  If the result of this calculation is greater than Q200 the value is always Q200.

Example:

- **SURFACE COORDINATE Q203 =0**
- **SET-UP CLEARANCE Q200 =2**
- **STARTING POINT Q379 =2**
- The position for chip breaking is calculated as follows:  
 $0.8 \times Q379 = 0.8 \times 2 = 1.6$ ; the position for chip breaking is 1.6 mm/  
 inch above the deepened starting point. Thus if the deepened  
 starting point is at -2 the TNC traverses for chip breaking to  
 -0.4 mm.

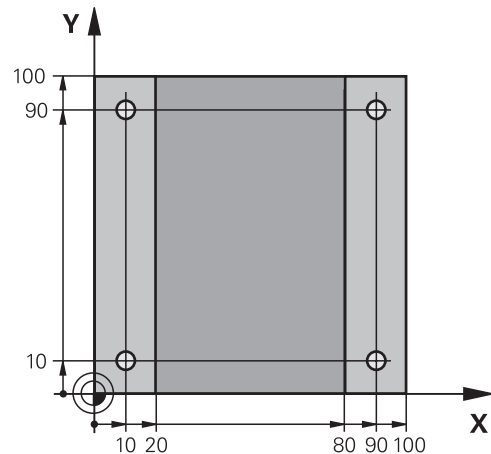
The following table shows various examples for calculating the position for chip breaking (retraction position):

**Position for chip breaking (retraction position) with deepened starting point**

Q200	Q379	Q203	Position at which pre-positioning is executed with FMAX	Factor 0.8 * Q379	Return position
2	2	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 2 = 1.6$	- 0.4
2	5	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 5 = 4$	-3
2	10	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 10 = 8$ (Q200=2, $8 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-8
2	25	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 25 = 20$ (Q200=2, $20 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-23
2	100	0	2	$0.8 \cdot 100 = 80$ (Q200=2, $80 > 2$ , thus the value 2 is used.)	-98
5	2	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 2 = 1.6$	-0.4
5	5	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 5 = 4$	-1
5	10	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 10 = 8$ (Q200=5, $8 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-5
5	25	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 25 = 20$ (Q200=5, $20 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-20
5	100	0	5	$0.8 \cdot 100 = 80$ (Q200=5, $80 > 5$ , thus the value 5 is used.)	-95
20	2	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 2 = 1.6$	-1.6
20	5	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 5 = 4$	-4
20	10	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 10 = 8$	-8
20	25	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 25 = 20$	-20
20	100	0	20	$0.8 \cdot 100 = 80$ (Q200=20, $80 > 20$ , thus the value 20 is used.)	-80

### 3.11 Programming Examples

#### Example: Drilling cycles



0 BEGIN PGM C200 MM	
1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-20	Definition of workpiece blank
2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0	
3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S4500	Tool call (tool radius 3)
4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
5 CYCL DEF 200 DRILLING	Cycle definition
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-15 ;DEPTH	
Q206=250 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q202=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q210=0 ;DWELL TIME AT TOP	
Q203=-10 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=20 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q211=0.2 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q395=0 ;DEPTH REFERENCE	
6 L X+10 Y+10 R0 FMAX M3	Approach hole 1, spindle ON
7 CYCL CALL	Cycle call
8 L Y+90 R0 FMAX M99	Approach hole 2, call cycle
9 L X+90 R0 FMAX M99	Approach hole 3, call cycle
10 L Y+10 R0 FMAX M99	Approach hole 4, call cycle
11 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2	Retract the tool, end program
12 END PGM C200 MM	

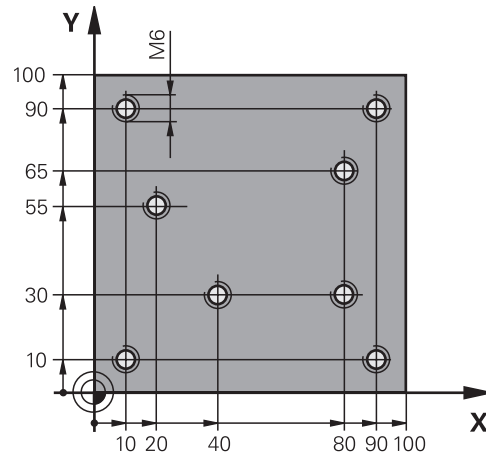
## Example: Using drilling cycles in connection with PATTERN DEF

The drill hole coordinates are stored in the pattern definition PATTERN DEF POS and are called by the TNC with CYCL CALL PAT.

The tool radii are selected so that all work steps can be seen in the test graphics.

### Program sequence

- Centering (tool radius 4)
- Drilling (tool radius 2.4)
- Tapping (tool radius 3)



<b>0 BEGIN PGM 1 MM</b>	
<b>1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-20</b>	Definition of workpiece blank
<b>2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Y+0</b>	
<b>3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S5000</b>	Call the centering tool (tool radius 4)
<b>4 L Z+50 R0 FMAX</b>	Move tool to clearance height
<b>5 PATTERN DEF</b>	Define all drilling positions in the point pattern
<b>POS1( X+10 Y+10 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS2( X+40 Y+30 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS3( X+20 Y+55 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS4( X+10 Y+90 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS5( X+90 Y+90 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS6( X+80 Y+65 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS7( X+80 Y+30 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>POS8( X+90 Y+10 Z+0 )</b>	
<b>6 CYCL DEF 240 CENTERING</b>	Cycle definition: CENTERING
<b>Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>	
<b>Q343=0 ;SELECT DIA./DEPTH</b>	
<b>Q201=-2 ;DEPTH</b>	
<b>Q344=-10 ;DIAMETER</b>	
<b>Q206=150 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>	
<b>Q211=0 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH</b>	
<b>Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>	
<b>Q204=10 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>	
<b>POSITION 7 GLOBAL DEF 125</b>	With this function the TNC positions to the 2nd set-up clearance with CYCL CALL PAT between the points. This function is in effect until M30.
<b>Q345=+1 ;SELECT POS. HEIGHT</b>	
<b>7 CYCL CALL PAT F5000 M13</b>	Call the cycle in connection with the hole pattern

<b>8 L Z+100 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool, change the tool
<b>9 TOOL CALL 2 Z S5000</b>	Call the drilling tool (radius 2.4)
<b>10 L Z+50 R0 F5000</b>	Move tool to clearance height
<b>11 CYCL DEF 200 DRILLING</b>	Cycle definition: drilling
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-25 ;DEPTH	
Q206=150 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q202=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q211=0 ;DWELL TIME AT TOP	
Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=10 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q211=0.2 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q395=0 ;DEPTH REFERENCE	
<b>12 CYCL CALL PAT F500 M13</b>	Call the cycle in connection with the hole pattern
<b>13 L Z+100 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool
<b>14 TOOL CALL Z S200</b>	Call the tapping tool (radius 3)
<b>15 L Z+50 R0 FMAX</b>	Move tool to clearance height
<b>16 CYCL DEF 206 TAPPING NEW</b>	Cycle definition for tapping
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-25 ;DEPTH OF THREAD	
Q206=150 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q211=0 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=10 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
<b>17 CYCLE CALL PAT F5000 M13</b>	Call the cycle in connection with the hole pattern
<b>18 L Z+100 R0 FMAX M2</b>	Retract the tool, end program
<b>19 END PGM 1 MM</b>	











# 4

**Fixed Cycles:  
Tapping / Thread  
Milling**

## 4.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

The TNC offers the following cycles for all types of threading operations:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	206 TAPPING NEW With a floating tap holder, with automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	115
	207 TAPPING NEW Without a floating tap holder, with automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance	118
	209 TAPPING WITH CHIP BREAKING Without a floating tap holder, with automatic pre-positioning, 2nd set-up clearance, chip breaking	122
	262 THREAD MILLING Cycle for milling a thread in pre-drilled material	128
	263 THREAD MILLING/ COUNTERSINKING Cycle for milling a thread in pre-drilled material and machining a countersunk chamfer	131
	264 THREAD DRILLING/MILLING Cycle for drilling into solid material with subsequent milling of the thread with a tool	135
	265 HELICAL THREAD DRILLING/ MILLING Cycle for milling the thread into solid material	139
	267 OUTSIDE THREAD MILLING Cycle for milling an external thread and machining a countersunk chamfer	143

## 4.2 TAPPING with a floating tap holder (Cycle 206, DIN/ISO: G206)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool drills to the total hole depth in one movement.
- 3 Once the tool has reached the total hole depth, the direction of spindle rotation is reversed and the tool is retracted to the set-up clearance at the end of the dwell time. If programmed, the tool moves to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**.
- 4 At the set-up clearance, the direction of spindle rotation reverses once again.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

A floating tap holder is required for tapping. It must compensate the tolerances between feed rate and spindle speed during the tapping process.

For tapping right-hand threads activate the spindle with **M3**, for left-hand threads use **M4**.

It is possible to use the feed rate potentiometer during tapping. The machine tool builder sets the configuration (with parameter **CfgThreadSpindle>sourceOverride**) for this purpose. The TNC then modifies the speed accordingly.

The spindle speed potentiometer is inactive.

If you enter the thread pitch of the tap in the **Pitch** column of the tool table, the TNC compares the thread pitch from the tool table with the thread pitch defined in the cycle. The TNC displays an error message if the values do not match. In Cycle 206 the TNC uses the programmed rotational speed and the feed rate defined in the cycle to calculate the thread pitch.

### NOTICE

#### **Danger of collision!**

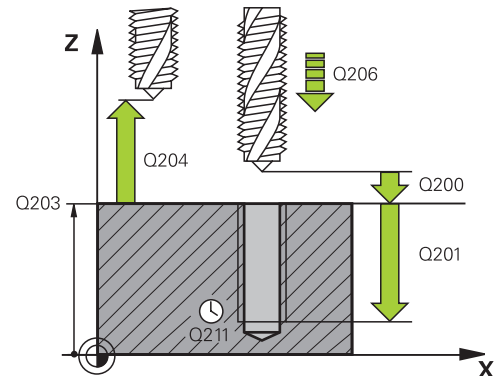
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999  
Guide value: 4x pitch.
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool during tapping. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q211 Dwell time at the depth?**: Enter a value between 0 and 0.5 seconds to avoid wedging of the tool during retraction. Input range 0 to 3600.0000
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



### NC blocks

25 CYCL DEF 206 TAPPING NEW	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-20	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q211=0.25	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH
Q203=+25	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE

The feed rate is calculated as follows:  $F = S \times p$

**F:** Feed rate (mm/min)

**S:** Spindle speed (rpm)

**p:** Thread pitch (mm)

### Retracting after a program interruption

If you interrupt program run during tapping with the machine stop button, the TNC will display a soft key with which you can retract the tool.

### 4.3 RIGID TAPPING without a floating tap holder (Cycle 207, DIN/ISO: G207)

#### Cycle run

The TNC cuts the thread without a floating tap holder in one or more passes.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool drills to the total hole depth in one movement.
- 3 It then reverses the direction of spindle rotation again and the tool is retracted to the setup clearance. If you have entered a 2nd set-up clearance the TNC will move the tool with **FMAX** towards it.
- 4 The TNC stops the spindle turning at set-up clearance.

### Please note while programming:



Machine and TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for use of this cycle.

This cycle is effective only for machines with servo-controlled spindle.



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

It is possible to use the feed rate potentiometer during tapping. The machine tool builder sets the configuration (with parameter **CfgThreadSpindle>sourceOverride**) for this purpose. The TNC then modifies the speed accordingly.

The spindle speed potentiometer is inactive.

If you program M3 (or M4) before this cycle, the spindle rotates after the end of the cycle (at the speed programmed in the TOOL CALL block).

If you do not program M3 (or M4) before this cycle, the spindle stands still after the end of the cycle. Then you must restart the spindle with M3 (or M4) before the next operation.

If you enter the thread pitch of the tap in the **Pitch** column of the tool table, the TNC compares the thread pitch from the tool table with the thread pitch defined in the cycle. The TNC displays an error message if the values do not match.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

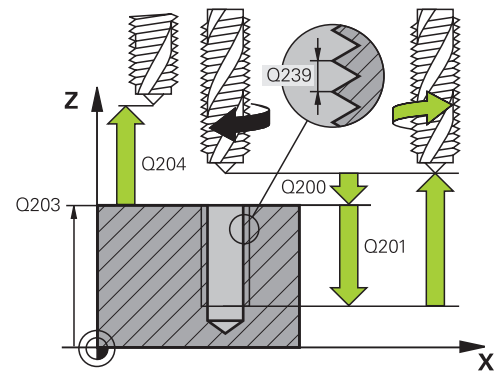
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?**: Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:  
 + = right-hand thread  
 -= left-hand thread  
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

26 CYCL DEF 207 RIGID TAPPING NEW	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-20	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q239=+1	;THREAD PITCH
Q203=+25	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE

## Retracting after a program interruption

### Retracting in the Manual Operation mode

You can interrupt the thread cutting process by pressing the NC Stop key. A soft key for retracting the tool from the thread is displayed in the soft-key row below the screen. When you press this soft key and the NC Start key, the tool retracts from the hole and returns to the starting point of machining. The spindle is stopped automatically and the TNC displays a message.

### Retracting in the Program Run, Single Block or Full Sequence mode

You can interrupt the thread cutting process by pressing the NC Stop key. The TNC shows the soft key **MANUAL TRAVERSE**. After pressing **MANUAL TRAVERSE** you can retract the tool in the active spindle axis. To resume machining after the interruption, press the **RESTORE POSITION** soft key and NC Start. The TNC moves the tool back to the position it had assumed before the NC Stop key was pressed.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

A danger of collision exists if you move the tool during retraction in a negative direction instead of e.g. in a positive direction.

- ▶ When retracting the tool you can move it in the positive and negative tool axis directions
- ▶ Be aware of the direction in which you retract the tool from the hole before retracting

## 4.4 TAPPING WITH CHIP BREAKING (Cycle 209, DIN/ISO: G209, software option 19)

### Cycle run

The TNC machines the thread in several passes until it reaches the programmed depth. You can define in a parameter whether the tool is to be retracted completely from the hole for chip breaking.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the programmed set-up clearance above the workpiece surface. There it carries out an oriented spindle stop.
- 2 The tool moves to the programmed infeed depth, reverses the direction of spindle rotation and retracts by a specific distance or completely for chip release, depending on the definition. If you have defined a factor for increasing the spindle speed, the TNC retracts from the hole at the corresponding speed.
- 3 It then reverses the direction of spindle rotation again and advances to the next infeed depth.
- 4 The TNC repeats this process (2 to 3) until the programmed thread depth is reached.
- 5 The tool is then retracted to set-up clearance. If programmed, the tool moves to the 2nd set-up clearance at **FMAX**.
- 6 The TNC stops the spindle turning at set-up clearance.

**Please note while programming:**

Machine and TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for use of this cycle.

This cycle is effective only for machines with servo-controlled spindle.



Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter "thread depth" determines the working direction.

It is possible to use the feed rate potentiometer during tapping. The machine tool builder sets the configuration (with parameter **CfgThreadSpindle>sourceOverride**) for this purpose. The TNC then modifies the speed accordingly.

The spindle speed potentiometer is inactive.

If you defined an rpm factor for fast retraction in cycle parameter **Q403**, the TNC limits the speed to the maximum speed of the active gear range.

If you program M3 (or M4) before this cycle, the spindle rotates after the end of the cycle (at the speed programmed in the TOOL CALL block).

If you do not program M3 (or M4) before this cycle, the spindle stands still after the end of the cycle. Then you must restart the spindle with M3 (or M4) before the next operation.

If you enter the thread pitch of the tap in the **Pitch** column of the tool table, the TNC compares the thread pitch from the tool table with the thread pitch defined in the cycle. The TNC displays an error message if the values do not match.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

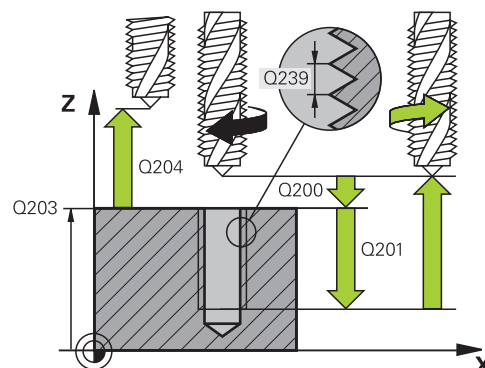
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?**: Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:  
 + = right-hand thread  
 - = left-hand thread  
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q257 Infeed depth for chip breaking?** (incremental): Plunging depth after which the TNC breaks the chip. No chip breaking if 0 is entered. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q256 Retract dist. for chip breaking?**: The TNC multiplies the pitch Q239 by the programmed value and retracts the tool by the calculated value during chip breaking. If you enter Q256 = 0, the TNC retracts the tool completely from the hole (to the set-up clearance) for chip breaking. Input range 0.000 to 99999.999
- ▶ **Q336 Angle for spindle orientation?** (absolute): Angle to which the TNC positions the tool before the thread cutting process. This allows you to regroove the thread, if required. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q403 RPM factor for retraction?**: Factor by which the TNC increases the spindle speed—and therefore also the retraction feed rate—when retracting from the drill hole. Input range 0.0001 to 10. Maximum increase to maximum speed of the active gear range.



## NC blocks

26 CYCL DEF 209 TAPPING W/ CHIP BRKG	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q201=-20	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q239=+1	;THREAD PITCH
Q203=+25	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q257=5	;DEPTH FOR CHIP BRKNG
Q256=+1	;DIST FOR CHIP BRKNG
Q336=50	;ANGLE OF SPINDLE
Q403=1.5	;RPM FACTOR

### Retracting after a program interruption

#### Retracting in the Manual Operation mode

You can interrupt the thread cutting process by pressing the NC Stop key. A soft key for retracting the tool from the thread is displayed in the soft-key row below the screen. When you press this soft key and the NC Start key, the tool retracts from the hole and returns to the starting point of machining. The spindle is stopped automatically and the TNC displays a message.

#### Retracting in the Program Run, Single Block or Full Sequence mode

You can interrupt the thread cutting process by pressing the NC Stop key. The TNC shows the soft key **MANUAL TRAVERSE**. After pressing **MANUAL TRAVERSE** you can retract the tool in the active spindle axis. To resume machining after the interruption, press the **RESTORE POSITION** soft key and NC Start. The TNC moves the tool back to the position it had assumed before the NC Stop key was pressed.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

A danger of collision exists if you move the tool during retraction in a negative direction instead of e.g. in a positive direction.

- ▶ When retracting the tool you can move it in the positive and negative tool axis directions
- ▶ Be aware of the direction in which you retract the tool from the hole before retracting

## 4.5 Fundamentals of Thread Milling

### Prerequisites

- Your machine tool features internal spindle cooling (cooling lubricant at least 30 bars, compressed air supply at least 6 bars).
- Thread milling usually leads to distortions of the thread profile. To correct this effect, you need tool-specific compensation values which are given in the tool catalog or are available from the tool manufacturer. You program the compensation with the delta value for the tool radius **DR** in the **TOOL CALL**.
- The Cycles 262, 263, 264 and 267 can only be used with rightward rotating tools. For Cycle 265 you can use rightward and leftward rotating tools.
- The working direction is determined by the following input parameters: Algebraic sign Q239 (+ = right-hand thread / – = left-hand thread) and milling method Q351 (+1 = climb / –1 = up-cut). The table below illustrates the interrelation between the individual input parameters for rightward rotating tools.

Internal thread	Pitch	Climb/ Up-cut	Work direction
Right-handed	+	+1(RL)	Z+
Left-handed	–	–1(RR)	Z+
Right-handed	+	–1(RR)	Z–
Left-handed	–	+1(RL)	Z–

External thread	Pitch	Climb/ Up-cut	Work direction
Right-handed	+	+1(RL)	Z–
Left-handed	–	–1(RR)	Z–
Right-handed	+	–1(RR)	Z+
Left-handed	–	+1(RL)	Z+

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

If you program the plunging depth values with different algebraic signs a collision may occur.

- ▶ Always program the depths with identical algebraic signs.  
Example: If you program parameter Q356 COUNTERSINKING DEPTH with a negative algebraic sign then also program parameter Q201 DEPTH OF THREAD with a negative algebraic sign
- ▶ If for example you wish to repeat a cycle only with countersinking, it is also possible to enter 0 with the DEPTH OF THREAD. In this case the work direction is determined via COUNTERSINKING DEPTH

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

A collision may occur if, upon tool breakage, you retract the tool from the hole in the direction of the tool axis only.

- ▶ Stop the program run if the tool breaks
- ▶ Change to Positioning with Manual Data Input mode of operation
- ▶ First move the tool in a linear movement towards the hole center
- ▶ Retract the tool in the tool axis direction



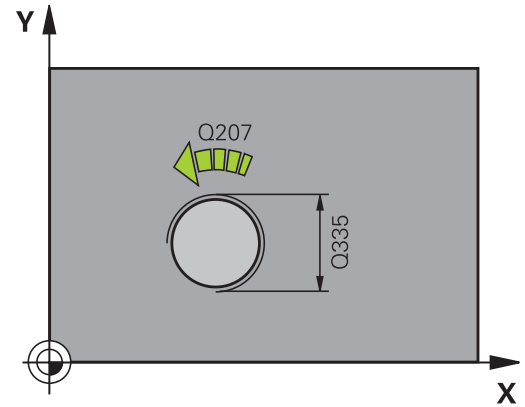
The TNC references the programmed feed rate during thread milling to the tool cutting edge. Since the TNC, however, always displays the feed rate relative to the path of the tool tip, the displayed value does not match the programmed value.

The machining direction of the thread changes if you execute a thread milling cycle in connection with Cycle 8 MIRROR IMAGE in only one axis.

## 4.6 THREAD MILLING (Cycle 262, DIN/ISO: G262, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 2 The tool moves at the programmed feed rate for pre-positioning to the starting plane. The starting plane is derived from the algebraic sign of the thread pitch, the milling method (climb or up-cut milling) and the number of threads per step.
- 3 The tool then moves tangentially on a helical path to the thread major diameter. Before the helical approach, a compensating motion of the tool axis is carried out in order to begin at the programmed starting plane for the thread path.
- 4 Depending on the setting of the parameter for the number of threads, the tool mills the thread in one helical movement, in several offset helical movements or in one continuous helical movement.
- 5 After that the tool departs the contour tangentially and returns to the starting point in the working plane.
- 6 At the end of the cycle, the TNC retracts the tool in rapid traverse to setup clearance or, if programmed, to the 2nd setup clearance.



**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter "thread depth" determines the working direction.

If you program the thread DEPTH = 0, the cycle will not be executed.

The nominal thread diameter is approached in a semi-circle from the center. A pre-positioning movement to the side is carried out if the pitch of the tool diameter is four times smaller than the nominal thread diameter.

Note that the TNC makes a compensation movement in the tool axis before the approach movement. The length of the compensation movement is at most half of the thread pitch. Ensure sufficient space in the hole!

If you change the thread depth, the TNC automatically changes the starting point for the helical movement.

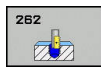
### NOTICE

#### **Danger of collision!**

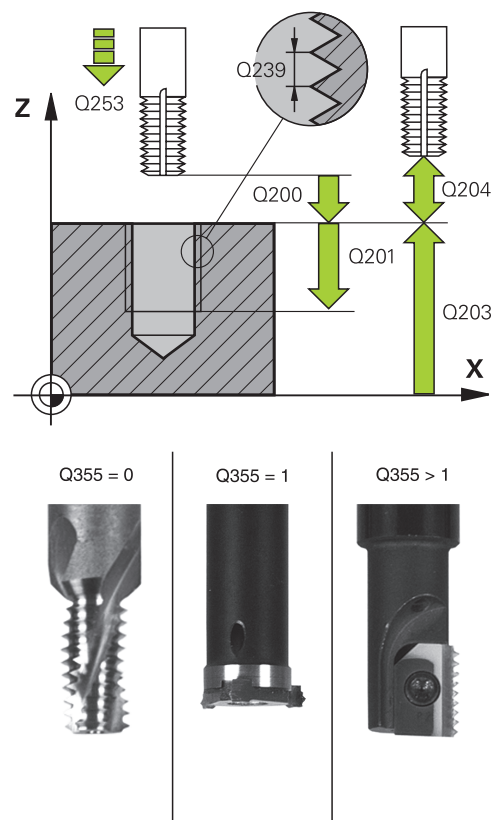
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q335 Nominal diameter?:** Thread nominal diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?:** Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:  
 + = right-hand thread  
 - = left-hand thread  
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread? (incremental):** Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q355 Number of threads per step?:** Number of thread grooves by which the tool is shifted:  
 0 = one helix on the thread depth  
 1 = continuous helix on the complete thread length  
 >1 = several helical paths with approach and departure; between these the TNC shifts the tool by Q355 multiplied by the pitch. Input range 0 to 99999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when plunging into the workpiece, or when retracting from the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1:** Type of milling operation with M3  
 +1 = Climb milling  
 -1 = Up-cut milling (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance? (incremental):** Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate? (absolute):** Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance? (incremental):** Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q512 Feed rate for approaching?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while approaching. For smaller thread diameters you can decrease the approaching feed rate in order to reduce the danger of tool breakage. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**



## NC blocks

25 CYCL DEF 262 THREAD MILLING	
Q335=10	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q239=+1.5	;THREAD PITCH
Q201=-20	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q355=0	;THREADS PER STEP
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+30	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLING
Q512=0	;FEED FOR APPROACH

## 4.7 THREAD MILLING/COUNTERSINKING (Cycle 263, DIN/ISO: G263, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.

### Countersinking

- 2 The tool moves at the feed rate for pre-positioning to the countersinking depth minus the set-up clearance, and then at the feed rate for countersinking to the countersinking depth.
- 3 If a safety clearance to the side has been entered, the TNC immediately positions the tool at the feed rate for pre-positioning to the countersinking depth.
- 4 Then, depending on the available space, the TNC makes a tangential approach to the core diameter, either tangentially from the center or with a pre-positioning move to the side, and follows a circular path.

### Countersinking at front

- 5 The tool moves at the feed rate for pre-positioning to the sinking depth at front.
- 6 The TNC positions the tool without compensation from the center on a semicircle to the offset at front, and then follows a circular path at the feed rate for countersinking.
- 7 The tool then moves in a semicircle to the hole center.

### Thread milling

- 8 The TNC moves the tool at the programmed feed rate for pre-positioning to the starting plane for the thread. The starting plane is determined from the thread pitch and the type of milling (climb or up-cut).
- 9 Then the tool moves tangentially on a helical path to the thread diameter and mills the thread with a 360° helical motion.
- 10 After that the tool departs the contour tangentially and returns to the starting point in the working plane.
- 11 At the end of the cycle, the TNC retracts the tool in rapid traverse to setup clearance or, if programmed, to the 2nd setup clearance.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign of the cycle parameters depth of thread, countersinking depth or sinking depth at front determines the working direction. The working direction is defined in the following sequence:

1. Thread depth
2. Countersinking depth
3. Depth at front

If you program a depth parameter to be 0, the TNC does not execute that step.

If you want to countersink at front, define the countersinking depth as 0.

Program the thread depth as a value smaller than the countersinking depth by at least one-third the thread pitch.

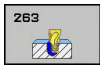
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#### **Danger of collision!**

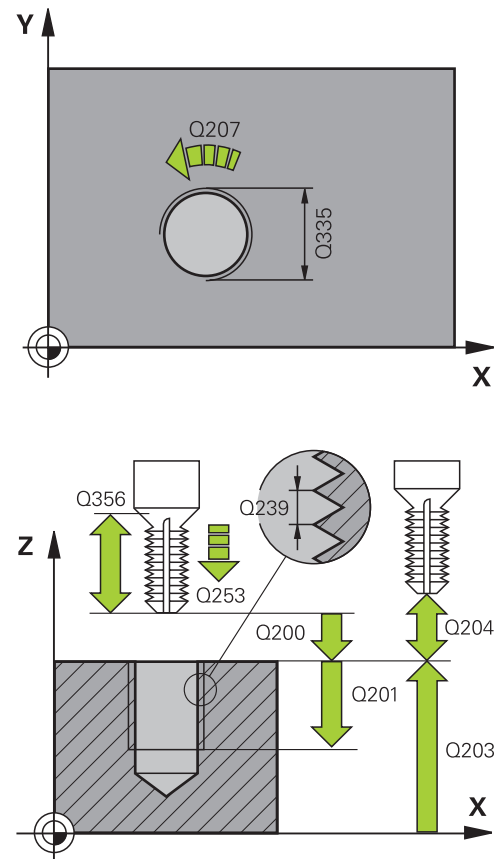
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

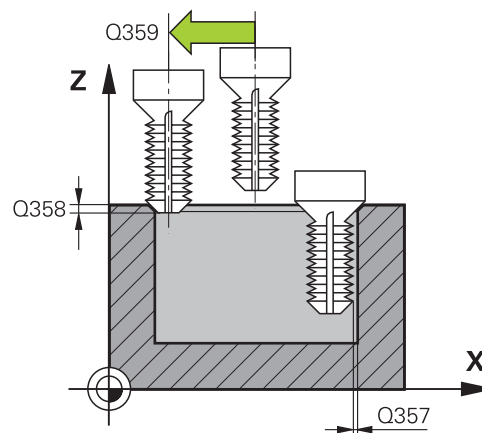
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q335 Nominal diameter?:** Thread nominal diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?:** Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:  
 + = right-hand thread  
 - = left-hand thread  
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread? (incremental):** Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q356 Countersinking depth? (incremental):** Distance between workpiece surface and tool tip. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when plunging into the workpiece, or when retracting from the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1:** Type of milling operation with M3  
 +1 = Climb milling  
 -1 = Up-cut milling (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance? (incremental):** Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q357 Safety clearance to the side? (incremental):** Distance between tool tooth and the wall. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q358 Sinking depth at front? (incremental):** Distance between tool point and the top surface of the workpiece for countersinking at the front of the tool. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q359 Countersinking offset at front? (incremental):** Distance by which the TNC moves the tool center away from the center. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q254 Feed rate for counterboring?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during counterboring. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q512 Feed rate for approaching?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while approaching. For smaller thread diameters you can decrease the approaching feed rate in order to reduce the danger of tool breakage. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**



#### NC blocks

<b>25 CYCL DEF 263 THREAD MLLNG/ CNTSNKG</b>	
<b>Q335=10</b>	<b>;NOMINAL DIAMETER</b>
<b>Q239=+1.5</b>	<b>;THREAD PITCH</b>
<b>Q201=-16</b>	<b>;DEPTH OF THREAD</b>
<b>Q356=-20</b>	<b>;COUNTERSINKING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q253=750</b>	<b>;F PRE-POSITIONING</b>
<b>Q351=+1</b>	<b>;CLIMB OR UP-CUT</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q357=0.2</b>	<b>;CLEARANCE TO SIDE</b>
<b>Q358=+0</b>	<b>;DEPTH AT FRONT</b>
<b>Q359=+0</b>	<b>;OFFSET AT FRONT</b>
<b>Q203=+30</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q254=150</b>	<b>;F COUNTERBORING</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q512=0</b>	<b>;FEED FOR APPROACH</b>

## 4.8 THREAD DRILLING/MILLING (Cycle 264, DIN/ISO: G264, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.

### Drilling

- 2 The tool drills to the first plunging depth at the programmed feed rate for plunging.
- 3 If you have programmed chip breaking, the tool then retracts by the entered retraction value. If you are working without chip breaking, the tool is moved at rapid traverse to the set-up clearance, and then at **FMAX** to the entered starting position above the first plunging depth.
- 4 The tool then advances with another infeed at the programmed feed rate.
- 5 The TNC repeats this process (2 to 4) until the programmed total hole depth is reached.

### Countersinking at front

- 6 The tool moves at the feed rate for pre-positioning to the sinking depth at front.
- 7 The TNC positions the tool without compensation from the center on a semicircle to the offset at front, and then follows a circular path at the feed rate for countersinking.
- 8 The tool then moves in a semicircle to the hole center.

### Thread milling

- 9 The TNC moves the tool at the programmed feed rate for pre-positioning to the starting plane for the thread. The starting plane is determined from the thread pitch and the type of milling (climb or up-cut).
- 10 Then the tool moves tangentially on a helical path to the thread diameter and mills the thread with a 360° helical motion.
- 11 After that the tool departs the contour tangentially and returns to the starting point in the working plane.
- 12 At the end of the cycle, the TNC retracts the tool in rapid traverse to setup clearance or, if programmed, to the 2nd setup clearance.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign of the cycle parameters depth of thread, countersinking depth or sinking depth at front determines the working direction. The working direction is defined in the following sequence:

1. Thread depth
2. Countersinking depth
3. Depth at front

If you program a depth parameter to be 0, the TNC does not execute that step.

Program the thread depth as a value smaller than the total hole depth by at least one-third the thread pitch.

### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

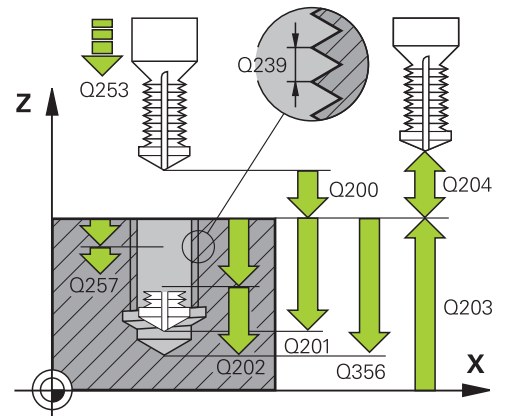
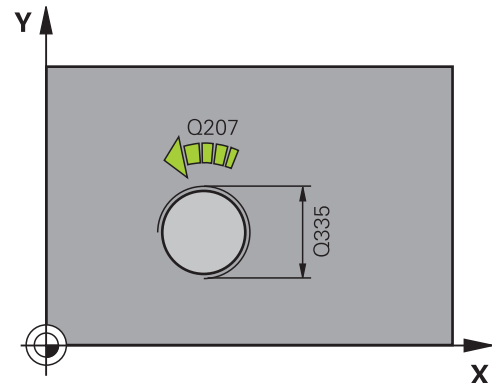
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q335 Nominal diameter?:** Thread nominal diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?:** Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:
  - + = right-hand thread
  - = left-hand thread
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q356 Total hole depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of hole. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when plunging into the workpiece, or when retracting from the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1:** Type of milling operation with M3
  - +1 = Climb milling
  - 1 = Up-cut milling (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q202 Maximum plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut **Q201 DEPTH** does not have to be a multiple of **Q202**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999  
 The depth does not have to be a multiple of the plunging depth. The TNC will go to depth in one movement if:
  - the plunging depth is equal to the depth
  - the plunging depth is greater than the depth
- ▶ **Q258 Upper advanced stop distance?** (incremental): Setup clearance for rapid traverse positioning when the TNC moves the tool again to the current plunging depth after retraction from the hole. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



### NC blocks

25 CYCL DEF 264 THREAD DRILLNG/ MLLNG	
Q335=10	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q239=+1.5	;THREAD PITCH
Q201=-16	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q356=-20	;TOTAL HOLE DEPTH
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT

- ▶ **Q257 Infeed depth for chip breaking?**  
(incremental): Plunging depth after which the TNC breaks the chip. No chip breaking if 0 is entered. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q256 Retract dist. for chip breaking?**  
(incremental): Value by which the TNC retracts the tool during chip breaking. Input range 0.000 to 99999.999
- ▶ **Q358 Sinking depth at front?** (incremental):  
Distance between tool point and the top surface of the workpiece for countersinking at the front of the tool. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q359 Countersinking offset at front?**  
(incremental): Distance by which the TNC moves the tool center away from the center. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while plunging. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO, fu**
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q512 Feed rate for approaching?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while approaching. For smaller thread diameters you can decrease the approaching feed rate in order to reduce the danger of tool breakage. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**

<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q258=0.2</b>	<b>;UPPER ADV STOP DIST</b>
<b>Q257=5</b>	<b>;DEPTH FOR CHIP BRKNG</b>
<b>Q256=0.2</b>	<b>;DIST FOR CHIP BRKNG</b>
<b>Q358=+0</b>	<b>;DEPTH AT FRONT</b>
<b>Q359=+0</b>	<b>;OFFSET AT FRONT</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q203=+30</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q206=150</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q512=0</b>	<b>;FEED FOR APPROACH</b>

## 4.9 HELICAL THREAD DRILLING/MILLING (Cycle 265, DIN/ISO: G265, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.

### Countersinking at front

- 2 If countersinking occurs before thread milling, the tool moves at the feed rate for countersinking to the sinking depth at front. If countersinking occurs after thread milling, the TNC moves the tool to the countersinking depth at the feed rate for pre-positioning.
- 3 The TNC positions the tool without compensation from the center on a semicircle to the offset at front, and then follows a circular path at the feed rate for countersinking.
- 4 The tool then moves in a semicircle to the hole center.

### Thread milling

- 5 The tool moves at the programmed feed rate for pre-positioning to the starting plane for the thread.
- 6 The tool then approaches the thread diameter tangentially in a helical movement.
- 7 The tool moves on a continuous helical downward path until it reaches the thread depth.
- 8 After that the tool departs the contour tangentially and returns to the starting point in the working plane.
- 9 At the end of the cycle, the TNC retracts the tool in rapid traverse to setup clearance or, if programmed, to the 2nd setup clearance.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (hole center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The algebraic sign of the cycle parameters depth of thread or sinking depth at front determines the working direction. The working direction is defined in the following sequence:

1. Thread depth
2. Depth at front

If you program a depth parameter to be 0, the TNC does not execute that step.

If you change the thread depth, the TNC automatically changes the starting point for the helical movement.

The type of milling (up-cut/climb) is determined by the thread (right-hand/left-hand) and the direction of tool rotation, since it is only possible to work in the direction of the tool.

### NOTICE

#### **Danger of collision!**

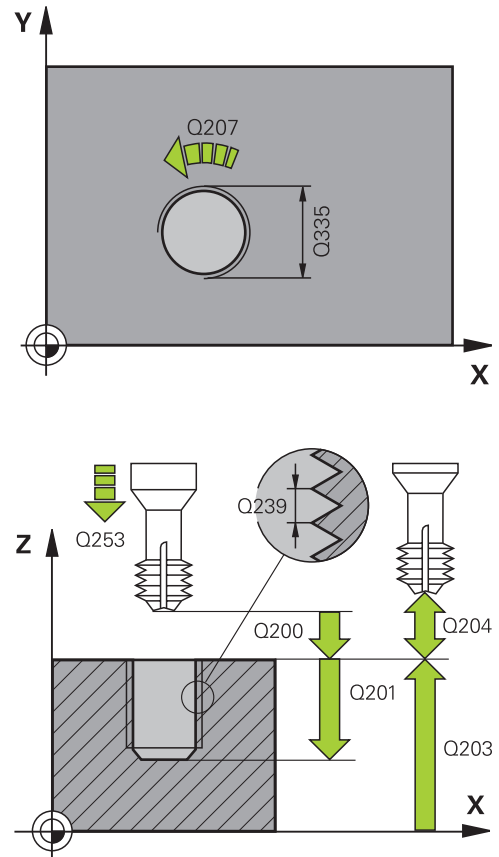
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

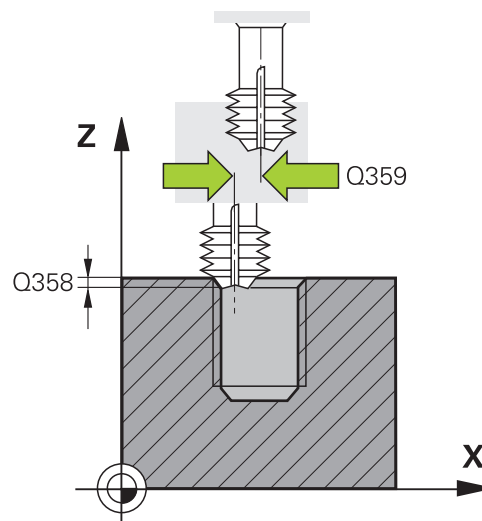
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q335 Nominal diameter?:** Thread nominal diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?:** Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:  
 + = right-hand thread  
 - = left-hand thread  
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when plunging into the workpiece, or when retracting from the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q358 Sinking depth at front?** (incremental): Distance between tool point and the top surface of the workpiece for countersinking at the front of the tool. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q359 Countersinking offset at front?** (incremental): Distance by which the TNC moves the tool center away from the center. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q360 Countersink (before/after:0/1)? :**  
 Execution of chamfer  
**0** = before thread milling  
**1** = after thread milling
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q254 Feed rate for counterboring?** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during counterboring. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**

**NC blocks**

25 CYCL DEF 265 HEL. THREAD DRLG/MLG	
Q335=10	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q239=+1.5	;THREAD PITCH
Q201=-16	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q358=+0	;DEPTH AT FRONT
Q359=+0	;OFFSET AT FRONT
Q360=0	;COUNTERSINK PROCESS
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+30	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q254=150	;F COUNTERBORING
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG

## 4.10 OUTSIDE THREAD MILLING (Cycle 267, DIN/ISO: G267, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the entered set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.

### Countersinking at front

- 2 The TNC moves on the reference axis of the working plane from the center of the stud to the starting point for countersinking at front. The position of the starting point is determined by the thread radius, tool radius and pitch.
- 3 The tool moves at the feed rate for pre-positioning to the sinking depth at front.
- 4 The TNC positions the tool without compensation from the center on a semicircle to the offset at front, and then follows a circular path at the feed rate for countersinking.
- 5 The tool then moves in a semicircle to the starting point.

### Thread milling

- 6 The TNC positions the tool to the starting point if there has been no previous countersinking at front. Starting point for thread milling = starting point for countersinking at front.
- 7 The tool moves at the programmed feed rate for pre-positioning to the starting plane. The starting plane is derived from the algebraic sign of the thread pitch, the milling method (climb or up-cut milling) and the number of threads per step.
- 8 The tool then approaches the thread diameter tangentially in a helical movement.
- 9 Depending on the setting of the parameter for the number of threads, the tool mills the thread in one helical movement, in several offset helical movements or in one continuous helical movement.
- 10 After that the tool departs the contour tangentially and returns to the starting point in the working plane.
- 11 At the end of the cycle, the TNC retracts the tool in rapid traverse to setup clearance or, if programmed, to the 2nd setup clearance.

**Please note while programming:**

Program a positioning block for the starting point (stud center) in the working plane with radius compensation **R0**.

The offset required before countersinking at the front should be determined ahead of time. You must enter the value from the center of the stud to the center of the tool (uncorrected value).

The algebraic sign of the cycle parameters depth of thread or sinking depth at front determines the working direction. The working direction is defined in the following sequence:

1. Thread depth
2. Depth at front

If you program a depth parameter to be 0, the TNC does not execute that step.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter "thread depth" determines the working direction.

### NOTICE

#### **Danger of collision!**

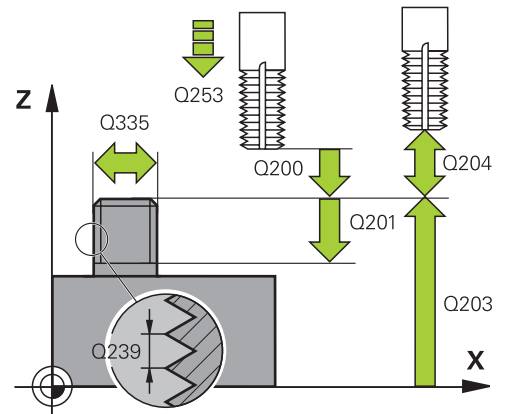
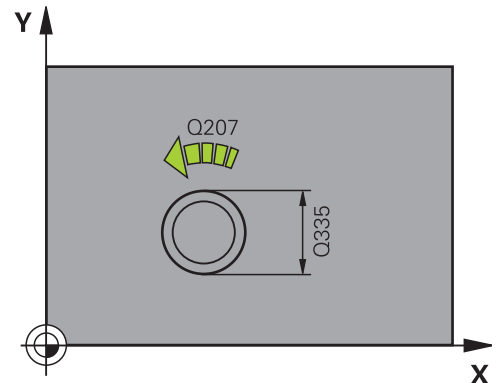
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

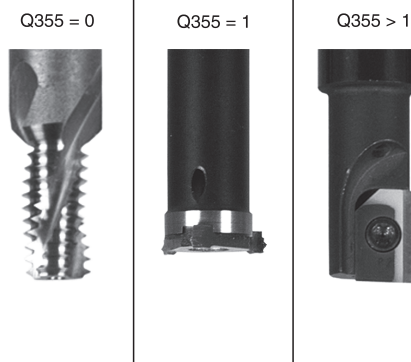
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q335 Nominal diameter?:** Thread nominal diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q239 Pitch?:** Pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:  
 + = right-hand thread  
 - = left-hand thread  
 Input range -99.9999 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q201 Depth of thread? (incremental):** Distance between workpiece surface and root of thread. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q355 Number of threads per step?:** Number of thread grooves by which the tool is shifted:  
 0 = one helix on the thread depth  
 1 = continuous helix on the complete thread length  
 >1 = several helical paths with approach and departure; between these the TNC shifts the tool by Q355 multiplied by the pitch. Input range 0 to 99999
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when plunging into the workpiece, or when retracting from the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1:** Type of milling operation with M3  
 +1 = Climb milling  
 -1 = Up-cut milling (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance? (incremental):** Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q358 Sinking depth at front?** (incremental): Distance between tool point and the top surface of the workpiece for countersinking at the front of the tool. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q359 Countersinking offset at front?** (incremental): Distance by which the TNC moves the tool center away from the center. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q254 Feed rate for counterboring?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during counterboring. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q512 Feed rate for approaching?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while approaching. For smaller thread diameters you can decrease the approaching feed rate in order to reduce the danger of tool breakage. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**

**NC blocks**

25 CYCL DEF 267 OUTSIDE THREAD MLLNG	
Q335=10	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q239=+1.5	;THREAD PITCH
Q201=-20	;DEPTH OF THREAD
Q355=0	;THREADS PER STEP
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q358=+0	;DEPTH AT FRONT
Q359=+0	;OFFSET AT FRONT
Q203=+30	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q254=150	;F COUNTERBORING
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q512=0	;FEED FOR APPROACH

## 4.11 Programming Examples

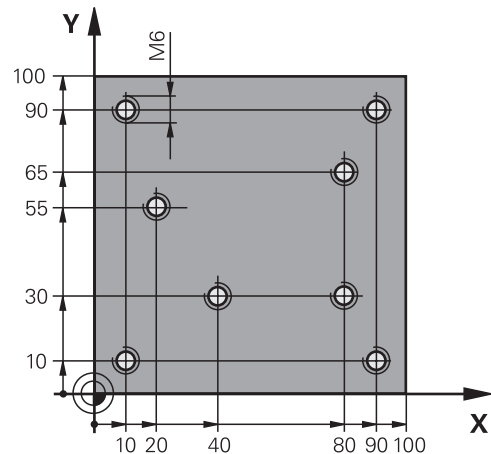
### Example: Thread milling

The drill hole coordinates are stored in the point table TAB1.PNT and are called by the TNC with **CYCL CALL PAT**.

The tool radii are selected so that all work steps can be seen in the test graphics.

#### Program sequence

- Centering
- Drilling
- Tapping



<b>0 BEGIN PGM 1 MM</b>	
<b>1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-20</b>	Definition of workpiece blank
<b>2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0</b>	
<b>3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S5000</b>	Call tool: centering drill
<b>4 L Z+10 R0 F5000</b>	Move tool to clearance height (enter a value for F): the TNC positions to the clearance height after every cycle
<b>5 SEL PATTERN "TAB1"</b>	Definition of point table
<b>6 CYCL DEF 240 CENTERING</b>	Cycle definition: CENTERING
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q343=1 ;SELECT DIA./DEPTH	
Q201=-3.5 ;DEPTH	
Q344=-7 ;DIAMETER	
Q206=150 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q11=0 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	0 must be entered here, effective as defined in point table
Q204=0 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	0 must be entered here, effective as defined in point table
<b>10 CYCL CALL PAT F5000 M3</b>	Cycle call in connection with point table TAB1.PNT, feed rate between the points: 5000 mm/min
<b>11 L Z+100 R0 FMAX M6</b>	Retract the tool, change the tool
<b>12 TOOL CALL 2 Z S5000</b>	Call tool: drill
<b>13 L Z+10 R0 F5000</b>	Move tool to clearance height (enter a value for F)
<b>14 CYCL DEF 200 DRILLING</b>	Cycle definition: drilling
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-25 ;DEPTH	
Q206=150 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q202=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q210=0 ;DWELL TIME AT TOP	

Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE	0 must be entered here, effective as defined in point table
Q204=0	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	0 must be entered here, effective as defined in point table
Q211=0.2	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q395=0	;DEPTH REFERENCE	
15 CYCL CALL PAT F5000 M3		Cycle call in connection with point table TAB1.PNT
16 L Z+100 R0 FMAX M6		Retract the tool, change the tool
17 TOOL CALL 3 Z S200		Call tool: tap
18 L Z+50 R0 FMAX		Move tool to clearance height
19 CYCL DEF 206 TAPPING		Cycle definition for tapping
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-25	;DEPTH OF THREAD	
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q211=0	;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE	0 must be entered here, effective as defined in point table
Q204=0	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	0 must be entered here, effective as defined in point table
20 CYCL CALL PAT F5000 M3		Cycle call in connection with point table TAB1.PNT
21 L Z+100 R0 FMAX M2		Retract the tool, end program
22 END PGM 1 MM		

#### Point table TAB1.PNT

TAB1. PNTMM
NRXYZ
0 +10 +10 +0
1 +40 +30 +0
2 +90 +10 +0
3 +80 +30 +0
4 +80 +65 +0
5 +90 +90 +0
6 +10 +90 +0
7 +20 +55 +0
[END]








# 5

**Fixed Cycles:  
Pocket Milling /  
Stud Milling /  
Slot Milling**

## 5.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

The TNC offers the following cycles for machining pockets, studs and slots:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	251 RECTANGULAR POCKET Roughing/finishing cycle with selection of machining operation and helical plunging	151
	252 CIRCULAR POCKET Roughing/finishing cycle with selection of machining operation and helical plunging	156
	253 SLOT MILLING Roughing/finishing cycle with selection of machining operation and reciprocal plunging	162
	254 CIRCULAR SLOT Roughing/finishing cycle with selection of machining operation and reciprocal plunging	166
	256 RECTANGULAR STUD Roughing/finishing cycle with stepover, if multiple passes are required	172
	257 CIRCULAR STUD Roughing/finishing cycle with stepover, if multiple passes are required	177
	233 FACE MILLING Machining the face with up to 3 limits	186

## 5.2 RECTANGULAR POCKET (Cycle 251, DIN/ISO: G251, software option 19)

### Cycle run

Use Cycle 251 RECTANGULAR POCKET to completely machine rectangular pockets. Depending on the cycle parameters, the following machining alternatives are available:

- Complete machining: Roughing, floor finishing, side finishing
- Only roughing
- Only floor finishing and side finishing
- Only floor finishing
- Only side finishing

### Roughing

- 1 The tool plunges the workpiece at the pocket center and advances to the first plunging depth. Specify the plunging strategy with parameter Q366.
- 2 The TNC roughs out the pocket from the inside out, taking the path overlap (parameter Q370) and the finishing allowance (parameters Q368 and Q369) into account.
- 3 At the end of the roughing operation, the TNC moves the tool tangentially away from the pocket wall, then moves by the set-up clearance above the current pecking depth and returns from there at rapid traverse to the pocket center.
- 4 This process is repeated until the programmed pocket depth is reached.

### Finishing

- 5 If finishing allowances have been defined, the TNC plunges and then approaches the contour. The approach movement occurs on a radius in order to ensure that a gentle approach is possible. The TNC first finishes the pocket walls, in multiple infeeds if so specified.
- 6 Then the TNC finishes the floor of the pocket from the inside out. The pocket floor is approached tangentially.

**Please note while programming:**

With an inactive tool table you must always plunge vertically (Q366=0) because you cannot define a plunging angle.

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position with radius compensation **R0**. Note parameter Q367 (position).

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

At the end of the cycle, the TNC returns the tool to the starting position.

At the end of a roughing operation, the TNC positions the tool back to the pocket center at rapid traverse. The tool is above the current pecking depth by the set-up clearance. Enter the set-up clearance so that the tool cannot jam because of chips.

The TNC outputs an error message during helical plunging if the internally calculated diameter of the helix is smaller than twice the tool diameter. If you are using a center-cut tool, you can switch off this monitoring function via the **suppressPlungeErr** machine parameter (No. 201006).

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

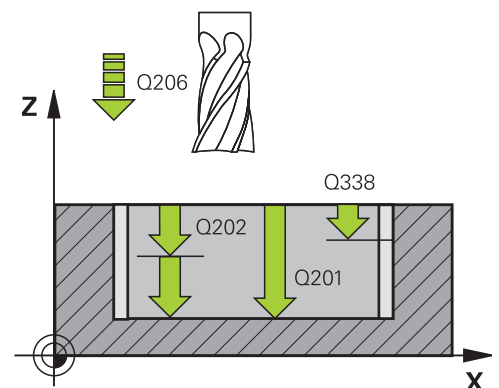
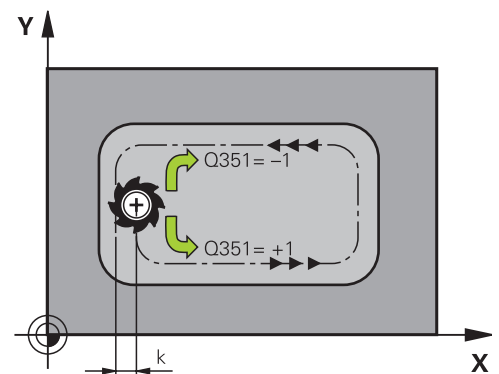
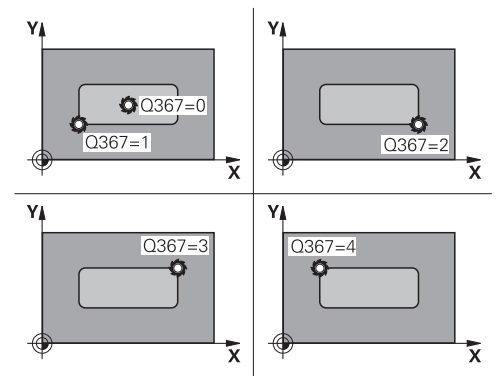
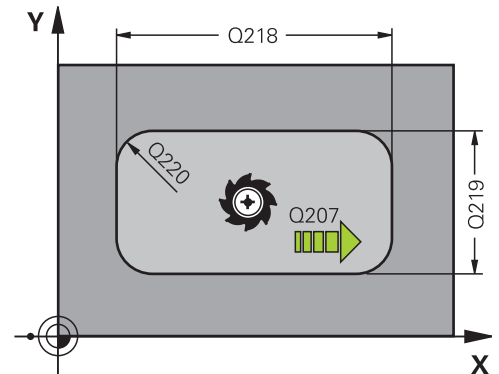
If you call the cycle with machining operation 2 (only finishing), then the tool is positioned to the first plunging depth + set-up clearance at rapid traverse. There is a danger of collision during positioning at rapid traverse.

- ▶ Perform roughing beforehand
- ▶ Ensure that the TNC can pre-position the tool at rapid traverse without colliding with the workpiece

## Cycle parameters

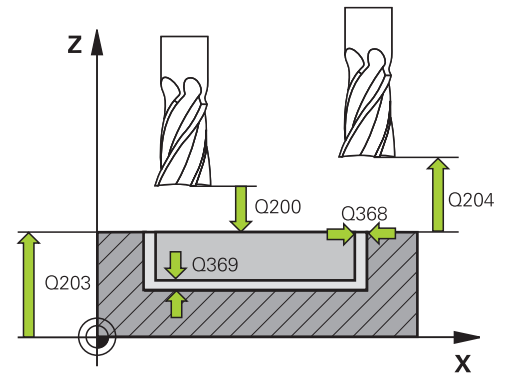


- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:  
**0**: Roughing and finishing  
**1**: Only roughing  
**2**: Only finishing  
 Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q218 First side length?** (incremental): Pocket length, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q219 Second side length?** (incremental): Pocket length, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q220 Corner radius?**: Radius of the pocket corner. If you have entered 0 here, the TNC assumes that the corner radius is equal to the tool radius. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q224 Angle of rotation?** (absolute): Angle by which the entire machining is rotated. The center of rotation is the position at which the tool is located when the cycle is called. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q367 Position of pocket (0/1/2/3/4)?**: Position of the pocket in reference to the position of the tool when the cycle is called:  
**0**: Tool position = pocket center  
**1**: Tool position = left corner below  
**2**: Tool position = right corner below  
**3**: Tool position = right corner top  
**4**: Tool position = left corner top
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of pocket. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental): Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut. Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q370 Path overlap factor?:**  $Q370 \times \text{tool radius} = \text{stepover factor } k$ . Input range: 0.0001 to 1.9999 alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q366 Plunging strategy (0/1/2)?:** Type of plunging strategy:
  - 0:** Vertical plunging. The TNC plunges perpendicularly, regardless of the plunging angle **ANGLE** defined in the tool table
  - 1:** helical plunging. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as not equal to 0. Otherwise, the TNC generates an error message
  - 2:** reciprocal plunging. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as not equal to 0. Otherwise, the TNC generates an error message. The reciprocation length depends on the plunging angle. As a minimum value the TNC uses twice the tool diameter

**PREDEF:** The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q439 Feed rate reference (0-3)?:** Specify what the programmed feed rate refers to:
  - 0:** Feed rate with respect to the tool center point path
  - 1:** Feed rate with respect to the tool edge, but only during side finishing, otherwise with respect to the tool center point path
  - 2:** Feed rate refers to the tool cutting edge during side finishing **and** floor finishing; otherwise it refers to the tool path center
  - 3:** Feed rate always refers to the cutting edge



#### NC blocks

<b>8 CYCL DEF 251 RECTANGULAR POCKET</b>	
<b>Q215=0</b>	<b>;MACHINING OPERATION</b>
<b>Q218=80</b>	<b>;FIRST SIDE LENGTH</b>
<b>Q219=60</b>	<b>;2ND SIDE LENGTH</b>
<b>Q220=5</b>	<b>;CORNER RADIUS</b>
<b>Q368=0.2</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE</b>
<b>Q224=+0</b>	<b>;ANGLE OF ROTATION</b>
<b>Q367=0</b>	<b>;POCKET POSITION</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q351=+1</b>	<b>;CLIMB OR UP-CUT</b>
<b>Q201=-20</b>	<b>;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q369=0.1</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR</b>
<b>Q206=150</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q338=5</b>	<b>;INFEED FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q203=+0</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q370=1</b>	<b>;TOOL PATH OVERLAP</b>
<b>Q366=1</b>	<b>;PLUNGE</b>
<b>Q385=500</b>	<b>;FINISHING FEED RATE</b>
<b>Q439=0</b>	<b>;FEED RATE REFERENCE</b>
<b>9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	

### 5.3 CIRCULAR POCKET (Cycle 252, DIN/ISO: G252, software option 19)

#### Cycle run

Use Cycle 252 CIRCULAR POCKET to machine circular pockets. Depending on the cycle parameters, the following machining alternatives are available:

- Complete machining: Roughing, floor finishing, side finishing
- Only roughing
- Only floor finishing and side finishing
- Only floor finishing
- Only side finishing

#### Roughing

- 1 The TNC first moves the tool at rapid traverse to the set-up clearance Q200 above the workpiece.
- 2 The tool plunges to the first plunging depth at the pocket center. Specify the plunging strategy with parameter Q366.
- 3 The TNC roughs out the pocket from the inside out, taking the path overlap (parameter Q370) and the finishing allowance (parameters Q368 and Q369) into account.
- 4 At the end of a roughing operation, the TNC moves the tool tangentially away from the pocket wall by the set-up clearance Q200 in the working plane, then retracts the tool by Q200 at rapid traverse and returns it from there at rapid traverse to the pocket center.
- 5 Steps 2 to 4 are repeated until the programmed pocket depth is reached, taking the finishing allowance Q369 into account.
- 6 If only roughing was programmed (Q215=1) the tool moves away from the pocket wall tangentially by the set-up clearance Q200, then retracts at rapid traverse to the 2nd set-up clearance Q204 in the tool axis and returns at rapid traverse to the pocket center

### Finishing

- 1 Inasmuch as finishing allowances are defined, the TNC then finishes the pocket walls, in multiple infeeds if so specified.
- 2 The TNC positions the tool in the tool axis in front of the pocket wall, taking the finishing allowance Q368 and the set-up clearance Q200 into account.
- 3 The TNC clears the pocket from the inside out until the diameter Q223 is reached.
- 4 Then the TNC again positions the tool in the tool axis in front of the pocket wall, taking the finishing allowance Q368 and the set-up clearance Q200 into account, and repeats the finishing process of the pocket wall at the next depth.
- 5 The TNC repeats this process until the programmed diameter is reached.
- 6 After machining to the diameter Q223, the TNC retracts the tool tangentially by the finishing allowance Q368 plus the set-up clearance Q200 in the working plane, then retracts at rapid traverse to the set-up clearance Q200 in the tool axis and returns to the pocket center.
- 7 Next, the TNC moves the tool in the tool axis to the depth Q201 and finishes the floor of the pocket from the inside out. The pocket floor is approached tangentially.
- 8 The TNC repeats this process until the depth Q201 plus Q369 is reached.
- 9 Finally, the tool moves away from the pocket wall tangentially by the set-up clearance Q200, then retracts at rapid traverse to the set-up clearance Q200 in the tool axis and returns at rapid traverse to the pocket center.

**Please note while programming:**

With an inactive tool table you must always plunge vertically (Q366=0) because you cannot define a plunging angle.

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position (circle center) with radius compensation **R0**.

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

At the end of the cycle, the TNC returns the tool to the starting position.

At the end of a roughing operation, the TNC positions the tool back to the pocket center at rapid traverse. The tool is above the current pecking depth by the set-up clearance. Enter the set-up clearance so that the tool cannot jam because of chips.

The TNC outputs an error message during helical plunging if the internally calculated diameter of the helix is smaller than twice the tool diameter. If you are using a center-cut tool, you can switch off this monitoring function via the **suppressPlungeErr** machine parameter (No. 201006).

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

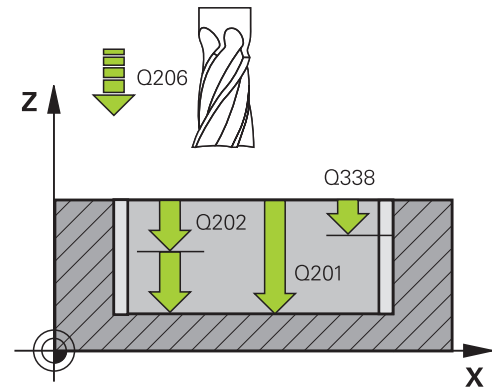
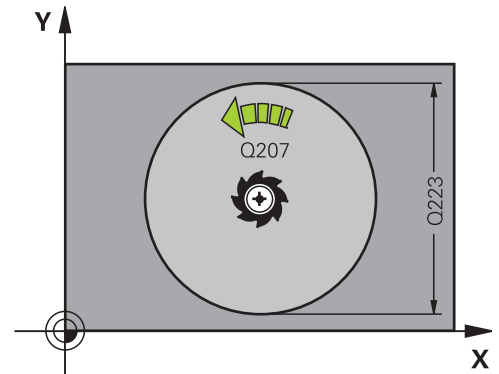
If you call the cycle with machining operation 2 (only finishing), then the tool is positioned to the first plunging depth + set-up clearance at rapid traverse. There is a danger of collision during positioning at rapid traverse.

- ▶ Perform roughing beforehand
- ▶ Ensure that the TNC can pre-position the tool at rapid traverse without colliding with the workpiece

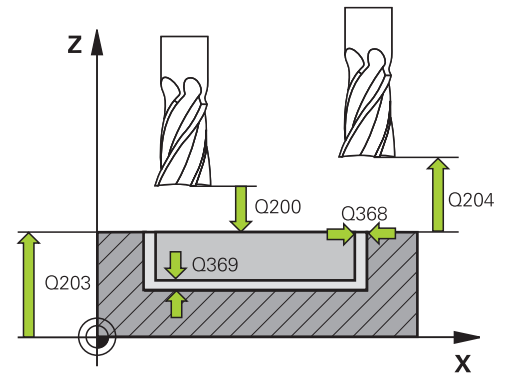
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:  
**0**: Roughing and finishing  
**1**: Only roughing  
**2**: Only finishing  
 Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q223 Circle diameter?**: Diameter of the finished pocket. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of pocket. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**, **FZ**



- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental): Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut. Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q370 Path overlap factor?:**  $Q370 \times \text{tool radius} = \text{stepover factor } k$ . The overlapping is considered as maximum overlapping. The overlapping can be reduced to avoid residual material at the corners. Input range 0.1 to 1.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q366 Plunging strategy (0/1)?:** Type of plunging strategy:
  - 0 = vertical plunging. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as 0 or 90. The TNC will otherwise display an error message.
  - 1 = helical plunging. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as not equal to 0. The TNC will otherwise display an error message.
  - Alternative: **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q439 Feed rate reference (0-3)?:** Specify what the programmed feed rate refers to:
  - 0:** Feed rate with respect to the tool center point path
  - 1:** Feed rate with respect to the tool edge, but only during side finishing, otherwise with respect to the tool center point path
  - 2:** Feed rate refers to the tool cutting edge during side finishing **and** floor finishing; otherwise it refers to the tool path center
  - 3:** Feed rate always refers to the cutting edge



#### NC blocks

<b>8 CYCL DEF 252 CIRCULAR POCKET</b>	
<b>Q215=0</b>	<b>;MACHINING OPERATION</b>
<b>Q223=60</b>	<b>;CIRCLE DIAMETER</b>
<b>Q368=0.2</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q351=+1</b>	<b>;CLIMB OR UP-CUT</b>
<b>Q201=-20</b>	<b>;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q369=0.1</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR</b>
<b>Q206=150</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q338=5</b>	<b>;INFEEED FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q203=+0</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q370=1</b>	<b>;TOOL PATH OVERLAP</b>
<b>Q366=1</b>	<b>;PLUNGE</b>
<b>Q385=500</b>	<b>;FINISHING FEED RATE</b>
<b>Q439=3</b>	<b>;FEED RATE REFERENCE</b>
<b>9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	

## 5.4 SLOT MILLING (Cycle 253, DIN/ISO: G253), Software Option 19

### Cycle run

Use Cycle 253 to completely machine a slot. Depending on the cycle parameters, the following machining alternatives are available:

- Complete machining: Roughing, floor finishing, side finishing
- Only roughing
- Only floor finishing and side finishing
- Only floor finishing
- Only side finishing

### Roughing

- 1 Starting from the left slot arc center, the tool moves in a reciprocating motion at the plunging angle defined in the tool table to the first infeed depth. Specify the plunging strategy with parameter Q366.
- 2 The TNC roughs out the slot from the inside out, taking the finishing allowances (parameter Q368) into account.
- 3 The TNC retracts the tool by the set-up clearance Q200. If the slot width matches the cutter diameter, the TNC retracts the tool from the slot after each infeed.
- 4 This process is repeated until the programmed slot depth is reached.

### Finishing

- 5 Inasmuch as finishing allowances are defined, the TNC then finishes the slot walls, in multiple infeeds if so specified. The slot side is approached tangentially in the left slot arc.
- 6 Then the TNC finishes the floor of the slot from the inside out.

**Please note while programming:**



With an inactive tool table you must always plunge vertically (Q366=0) because you cannot define a plunging angle.

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position with radius compensation **R0**. Note parameter Q367 (position).

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

If the slot width is greater than twice the tool diameter, the TNC roughs the slot correspondingly from the inside out. You can therefore mill any slots with small tools, too.

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

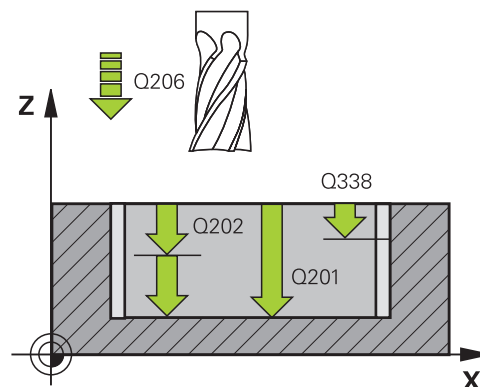
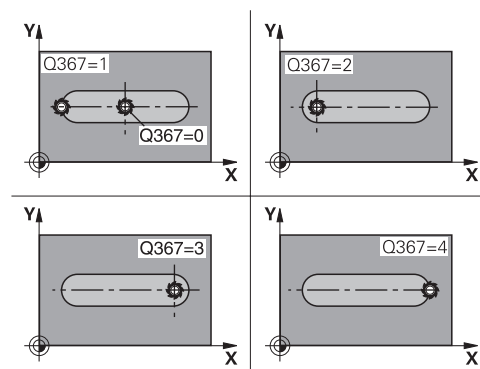
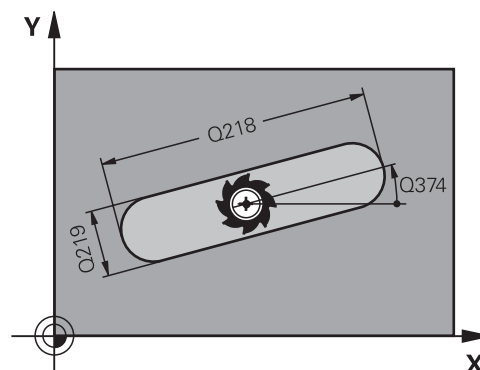
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

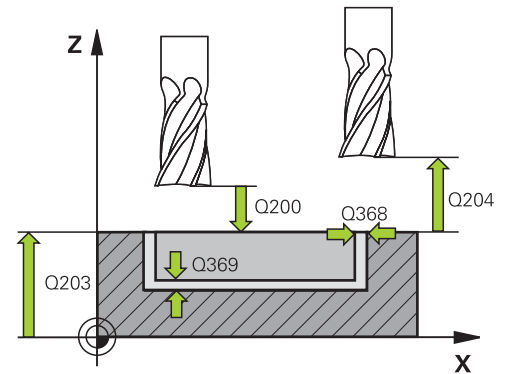
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:  
**0**: Roughing and finishing  
**1**: Only roughing  
**2**: Only finishing  
 Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q218 Length of slot?** (value parallel to the reference axis of the working plane): Enter the length of the slot. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q219 Width of slot?** (value parallel to the secondary axis of the working plane): Enter the slot width. If you enter a slot width that equals the tool diameter, the TNC will carry out the roughing process only (slot milling). Maximum slot width for roughing: Twice the tool diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q374 Angle of rotation?** (absolute): Angle by which the entire slot is rotated. The center of rotation is the position at which the tool is located when the cycle is called. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q367 Position of slot (0/1/2/3/4)?**: Position of the slot in reference to the position of the tool when the cycle is called:  
**0**: Tool position = slot center  
**1**: Tool position = left end of slot  
**2**: Tool position = center of left slot arc  
**3**: Tool position = center of right slot arc  
**4**: Tool position = right end of slot
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of slot. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental): Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut. Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q366 Plunging strategy (0/1/2)?**: Type of plunging strategy:
  - 0 = vertical plunging. The plunging angle (ANGLE) in the tool table is not evaluated.
  - 1, 2 = reciprocating plunge. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as not equal to 0. The TNC will otherwise display an error message.
  - Alternative: **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q439 Feed rate reference (0-3)?**: Specify what the programmed feed rate refers to:
  - 0**: Feed rate with respect to the tool center point path
  - 1**: Feed rate with respect to the tool edge, but only during side finishing, otherwise with respect to the tool center point path
  - 2**: Feed rate refers to the tool cutting edge during side finishing **and** floor finishing; otherwise it refers to the tool path center
  - 3**: Feed rate always refers to the cutting edge



#### NC blocks

<b>8 CYCL DEF 253 SLOT MILLING</b>	
<b>Q215=0</b>	<b>;MACHINING OPERATION</b>
<b>Q218=80</b>	<b>;SLOT LENGTH</b>
<b>Q219=12</b>	<b>;SLOT WIDTH</b>
<b>Q368=0.2</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE</b>
<b>Q374=+0</b>	<b>;ANGLE OF ROTATION</b>
<b>Q367=0</b>	<b>;SLOT POSITION</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q351=+1</b>	<b>;CLIMB OR UP-CUT</b>
<b>Q201=-20</b>	<b>;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q369=0.1</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR</b>
<b>Q206=150</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q338=5</b>	<b>;INFEEED FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q203=+0</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q366=1</b>	<b>;PLUNGE</b>
<b>Q385=500</b>	<b>;FINISHING FEED RATE</b>
<b>Q439=0</b>	<b>;FEED RATE REFERENCE</b>
<b>9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	

## 5.5 CIRCULAR SLOT (Cycle 254, DIN/ISO: G254, software option 19)

### Cycle run

Use Cycle 254 to completely machine a circular slot. Depending on the cycle parameters, the following machining alternatives are available:

- Complete machining: Roughing, floor finishing, side finishing
- Only roughing
- Only floor finishing and side finishing
- Only floor finishing
- Only side finishing

### Roughing

- 1 The tool moves in a reciprocating motion in the slot center at the plunging angle defined in the tool table to the first infeed depth. Specify the plunging strategy with parameter Q366.
- 2 The TNC roughs out the slot from the inside out, taking the finishing allowances (parameter Q368) into account.
- 3 The TNC retracts the tool by the set-up clearance Q200. If the slot width matches the cutter diameter, the TNC retracts the tool from the slot after each infeed.
- 4 This process is repeated until the programmed slot depth is reached.

### Finishing

- 5 Inasmuch as finishing allowances are defined, the TNC then finishes the slot walls, in multiple infeeds if so specified. The slot side is approached tangentially.
- 6 Then the TNC finishes the floor of the slot from the inside out.

**Please note while programming:**



With an inactive tool table you must always plunge vertically (Q366=0) because you cannot define a plunging angle.

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position with radius compensation **R0**. Note parameter Q367 (position).

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The position at cycle end must not match the position at cycle start. If you define a slot position not equal to 0, then the TNC only positions the tool in the tool axis to the 2nd set-up clearance. After the cycle, program an absolute position in all reference axes. Do not program incremental dimensions directly after the cycle. Danger of collision!

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

If the slot width is greater than twice the tool diameter, the TNC roughs the slot correspondingly from the inside out. You can therefore mill any slots with small tools, too.

The slot position 0 is not allowed if you use Cycle 254 Circular Slot in combination with Cycle 221.

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

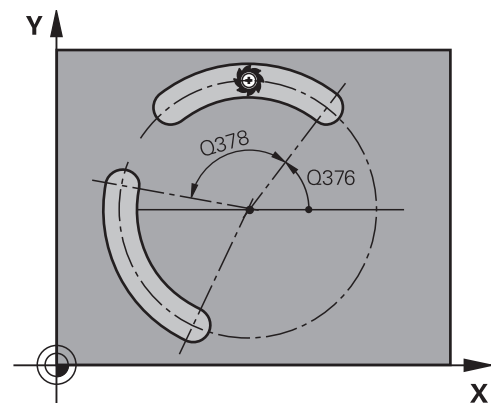
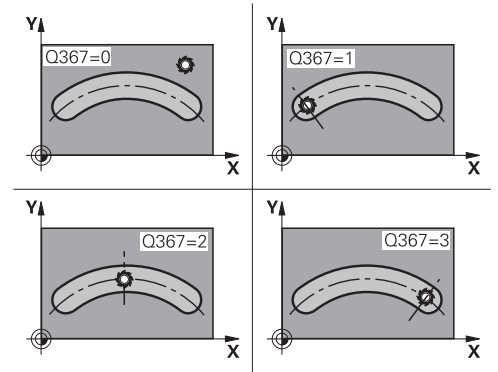
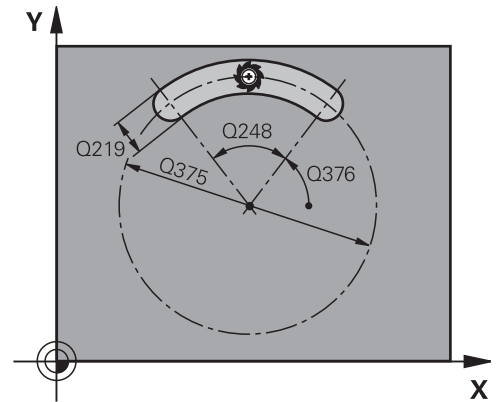
If you call the cycle with machining operation 2 (only finishing), then the tool is positioned to the first plunging depth + set-up clearance at rapid traverse. There is a danger of collision during positioning at rapid traverse.

- ▶ Perform roughing beforehand
- ▶ Ensure that the TNC can pre-position the tool at rapid traverse without colliding with the workpiece

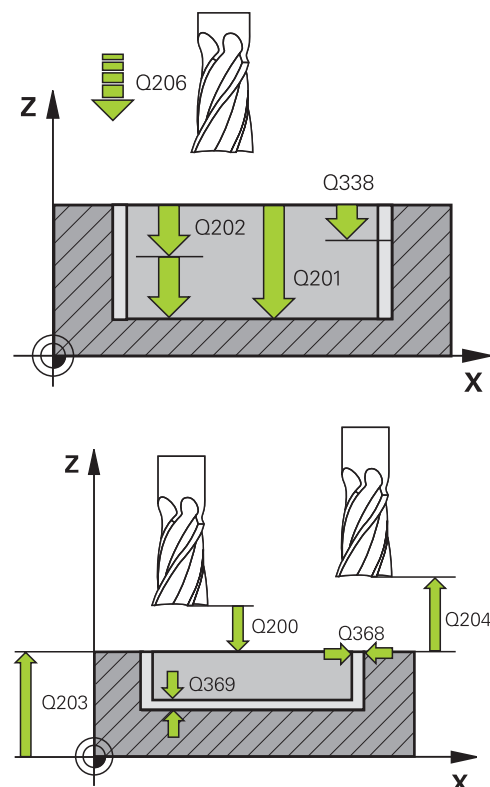
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:  
**0**: Roughing and finishing  
**1**: Only roughing  
**2**: Only finishing  
 Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q219 Width of slot?** (value parallel to the secondary axis of the working plane): Enter the slot width. If you enter a slot width that equals the tool diameter, the TNC will carry out the roughing process only (slot milling). Maximum slot width for roughing: Twice the tool diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q375 Pitch circle diameter?**: Enter the diameter of the pitch circle. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q367 Ref. for slot pos. (0/1/2/3)?**: Position of the slot in reference to the position of the tool when the cycle is called:  
**0**: The tool position is not taken into account. The slot position is determined from the entered pitch circle center and the starting angle  
**1**: Tool position = center of left slot arc. Starting angle Q376 refers to this position. The entered pitch circle center is not taken into account  
**2**: Tool position = center of centerline. Starting angle Q376 refers to this position. The entered pitch circle center is not taken into account  
**3**: Tool position = center of right slot arc. Starting angle Q376 refers to this position. The entered pitch circle center is not taken into account.
- ▶ **Q216 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the reference axis of the working plane. **Only effective if Q367 = 0**. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q217 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the minor axis of the working plane. **Only effective if Q367 = 0.** Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q376 Starting angle?** (absolute): Enter the polar angle of the starting point. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q248 Angular length?** (incremental): Enter the angular length of the slot. Input range 0 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q378 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle by which the entire slot is rotated. The center of rotation is at the center of the pitch circle. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q377 Number of repetitions?**: Number of machining operations on a pitch circle. Input range 1 to 99999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO, fu, FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of slot. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO, FU, FZ**



#### NC blocks

8 CYCL DEF 254 CIRCULAR SLOT	
Q215=0	;MACHINING OPERATION
Q219=12	;SLOT WIDTH
Q368=0.2	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q375=80	;PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETR
Q367=0	;REF. SLOT POSITION
Q216=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q217=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q376=+45	;STARTING ANGLE
Q248=90	;ANGULAR LENGTH
Q378=0	;STEPPING ANGLE

- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental):  
Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut.  
Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q366 Plunging strategy (0/1/2)?**: Type of plunging strategy:  
**0**: Vertical plunging. The plunging angle (ANGLE) in the tool table is not evaluated.  
**1, 2**: reciprocal plunging. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as not equal to 0. Otherwise, the TNC generates an error message  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q439 Feed rate reference (0-3)?**: Specify what the programmed feed rate refers to:  
**0**: Feed rate with respect to the tool center point path  
**1**: Feed rate with respect to the tool edge, but only during side finishing, otherwise with respect to the tool center point path  
**2**: Feed rate refers to the tool cutting edge during side finishing **and** floor finishing; otherwise it refers to the tool path center  
**3**: Feed rate always refers to the cutting edge

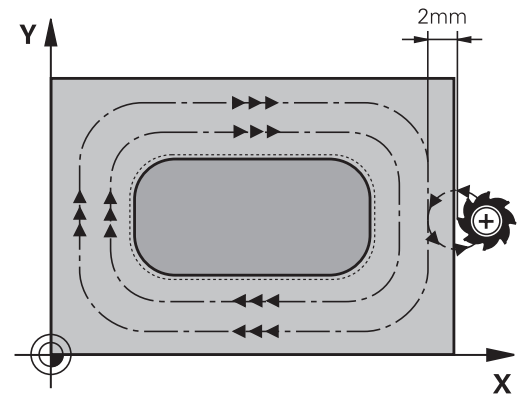
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Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q201=-20	;DEPTH
Q202=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q369=0.1	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q338=5	;INFEEED FOR FINISHING
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q366=1	;PLUNGE
Q385=500	;FINISHING FEED RATE
Q439=0	;FEED RATE REFERENCE
9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99	

## 5.6 RECTANGULAR STUD (Cycle 256, DIN/ISO: G256, software option 19)

### Cycle run

Use Cycle 256 to machine a rectangular stud. If a dimension of the workpiece blank is greater than the maximum possible stepover, then the TNC performs multiple stepovers until the finished dimension has been machined.

- 1 The tool moves from the cycle starting position (stud center) to the starting position for stud machining. Specify the starting position with parameter Q437. The standard setting (**Q437=0**) lies 2 mm to the right next to the stud blank
- 2 If the tool is at the 2nd set-up clearance, it moves at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the set-up clearance, and from there advances to the first plunging depth at the feed rate for plunging.
- 3 The tool then moves tangentially to the stud contour and machines one revolution.
- 4 If the finished dimension cannot be machined with one revolution, the TNC performs a stepover with the current factor, and machines another revolution. The TNC takes the dimensions of the workpiece blank, the finished dimension, and the permitted stepover into account. This process is repeated until the defined finished dimension has been reached. If, on the other hand, you did not set the starting point on a side, but rather on a corner (Q437 not equal to 0), the TNC mills on a spiral path from the starting point inward until the finished dimension has been reached.
- 5 If further stepovers are required the tool then departs the contour on tangential path and returns to the starting point of stud machining
- 6 The TNC then plunges the tool to the next plunging depth, and machines the stud at this depth.
- 7 This process is repeated until the programmed stud depth is reached.
- 8 At the end of the cycle, the TNC merely positions the tool in the tool axis at the clearance height defined in the cycle. This means that the end position differs from the starting position.



**Please note while programming:**

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position with radius compensation **R0**. Note parameter Q367 (position).

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

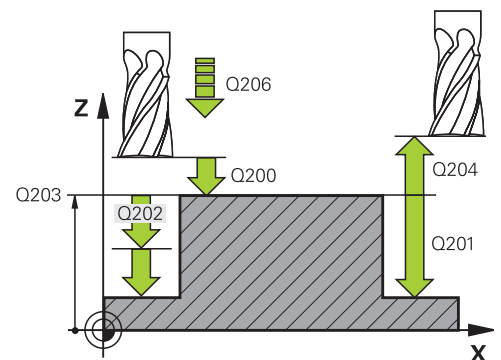
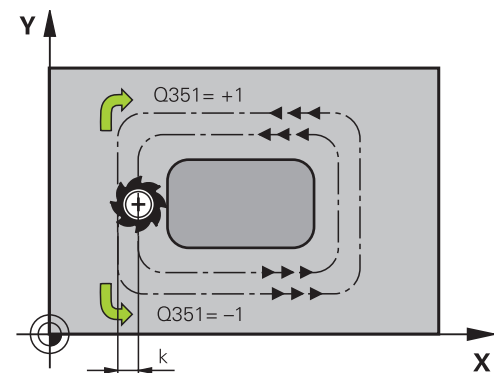
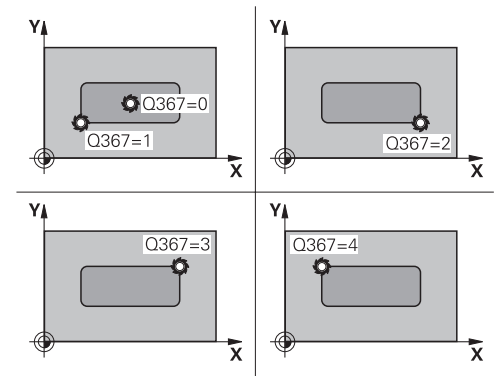
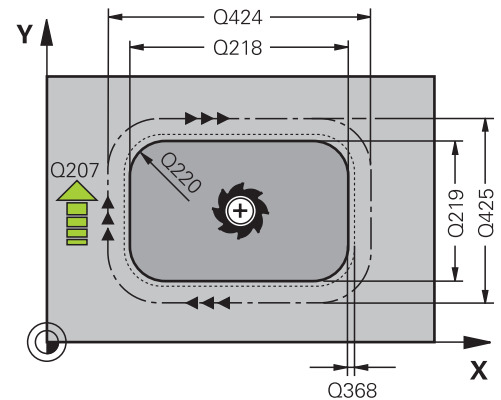
There is a danger of collision if there is insufficient room next to the stud.

- ▶ Depending on the approach position Q439, the TNC requires room for the approach motion
- ▶ Leave room next to the stud for the approach motion
- ▶ At least tool diameter + 2 mm
- ▶ At the end, the TNC positions the tool back to the set-up clearance, or to the 2nd set-up clearance if one was programmed. This means that the end position of the tool after the cycle differs from the starting position.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q218 First side length?**: Stud length, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q424 Workpiece blank side length 1?**: Length of the unmachined stud, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Enter **Workpiece blank side length 1** greater than **First side length**. The TNC performs multiple stepovers if the difference between blank dimension 1 and finished dimension 1 is greater than the permitted stepover (tool radius multiplied by path overlap **Q370**). The TNC always calculates a constant stepover. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q219 Second side length?**: Stud length, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Enter **Workpiece blank side length 2** greater than **Second side length**. The TNC performs multiple stepovers if the difference between blank dimension 2 and finished dimension 2 is greater than the permitted stepover (tool radius multiplied by path overlap **Q370**). The TNC always calculates a constant stepover. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q425 Workpiece blank side length 2?**: Length of the unmachined stud, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q220 Radius / Chamfer (+/-)?**: Enter the value for the input form radius or chamfer. If you enter a positive value between 0 and +99999.9999, the TNC rounds every corner. The radius refers to the value you entered. If you enter a negative value between 0 and -99999.9999 all corners of the contour are chamfered and the value entered refers to the length of the chamfer.
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the working plane, is left over after machining. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q224 Angle of rotation?** (absolute): Angle by which the entire machining is rotated. The center of rotation is the position at which the tool is located when the cycle is called. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q367 Position of stud (0/1/2/3/4)?**: Position of the stud in reference to the position of the tool when the cycle is called:
  - 0: Tool position = stud center
  - 1: Tool position = left corner below
  - 2: Tool position = right corner below
  - 3: Tool position = right corner top
  - 4: Tool position = left corner top



- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO, fu, FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1:** Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF:** The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of stud. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999; alternatively **fmax, FAUTO, fu, FZ**
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q370 Path overlap factor?:**  $Q370 \times \text{tool radius} = \text{stepover factor } k$ . The overlapping is considered as maximum overlapping. The overlapping can be reduced to avoid residual material at the corners. Input range 0.1 to 1.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**

**NC blocks**

<b>8 CYCL DEF 256 RECTANGULAR STUD</b>	
<b>Q218=60</b>	<b>;FIRST SIDE LENGTH</b>
<b>Q424=74</b>	<b>;WORKPC. BLANK SIDE 1</b>
<b>Q219=40</b>	<b>;2ND SIDE LENGTH</b>
<b>Q425=60</b>	<b>;WORKPC. BLANK SIDE 2</b>
<b>Q220=5</b>	<b>;CORNER RADIUS</b>
<b>Q368=0.2</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE</b>
<b>Q224=+0</b>	<b>;ANGLE OF ROTATION</b>
<b>Q367=0</b>	<b>;STUD POSITION</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q351=+1</b>	<b>;CLIMB OR UP-CUT</b>
<b>Q201=-20</b>	<b>;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q206=150</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q203=+0</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q370=1</b>	<b>;TOOL PATH OVERLAP</b>
<b>Q437=0</b>	<b>;APPROACH POSITION</b>
<b>Q215=1</b>	<b>;MACHINING OPERATION</b>
<b>Q369=+0</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR</b>
<b>Q338=+0</b>	<b>;INFEEED FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>Q385=+0</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	

- ▶ **Q437 Starting position (0...4)?**: Define the approach strategy of the tool:
  - 0**: Right of the stud (default setting)
  - 1**: left corner below
  - 2**: right corner below
  - 3**: right corner top
  - 4**: left corner top.

If approach marks should be appear on the stud surface during approach with the setting Q437=0, then choose another approach position.
- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:
  - 0**: Roughing and finishing
  - 1**: Only roughing
  - 2**: Only finishing

Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?**  
(incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor.  
Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental):  
Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut.  
Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing.  
Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**

## 5.7 CIRCULAR STUD (Cycle 257, DIN/ISO: G257, software option 19)

### Cycle run

Use Cycle 257 to machine a circular stud. The TNC mills the circular stud with a helical infeed motion starting from the workpiece blank diameter.

- 1 If the tool is below the 2nd set-up clearance, the TNC retracts the tool to the 2nd set-up clearance.
- 2 The tool moves from the stud center to the starting position for stud machining. With the polar angle you specify the starting position with respect to the stud center using parameter Q376.
- 3 The TNC moves the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the set-up clearance Q200, and from there advances to the first plunging depth at the feed rate for plunging.
- 4 The TNC then machines the circular stud with a helical infeed motion, taking the path overlap into account.
- 5 The TNC retracts the tool from the contour by 2 mm on a tangential path.
- 6 If more than one plunging movement is required, the tool repeats the plunging movement at the point next to the departure movement.
- 7 This process is repeated until the programmed stud depth is reached.
- 8 At the end of the cycle, the tool departs on a tangential path and then retracts in the tool axis to the 2nd set-up clearance defined in the cycle.

**Please note while programming:**

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position (stud center) with radius compensation **R0**.

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

At the end of the cycle, the TNC returns the tool to the starting position.

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

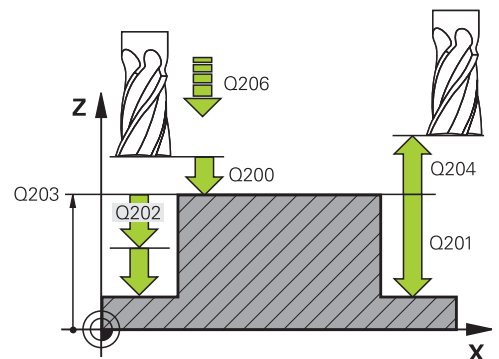
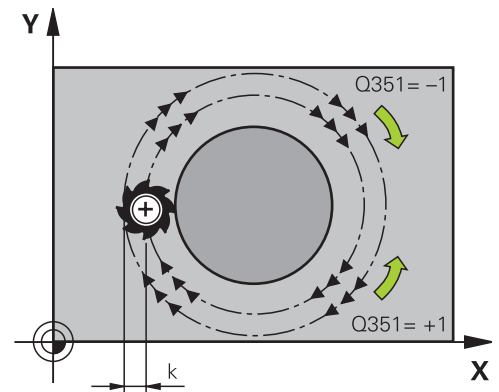
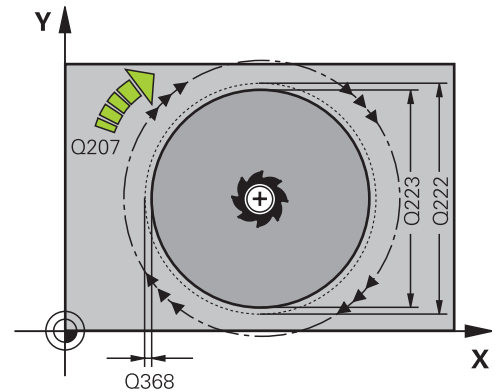
There is a danger of collision if there is insufficient room next to the stud.

- ▶ The TNC performs an approach motion with this cycle
- ▶ To define the precise starting position, enter a starting angle of 0° to 360° in parameter Q376
- ▶ Depending on the starting angle Q376, the following amount of space must be left next to the stud: At least tool diameter +2 mm
- ▶ If you use the default value -1 the TNC automatically calculates the starting position

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q223 Finished part diameter?:** Diameter of the finished stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q222 Workpiece blank diameter?:** Diameter of workpiece blank. Enter the workpiece blank diameter greater than the finished diameter. The TNC performs multiple stepovers if the difference between the workpiece blank diameter and finished diameter is greater than the permitted stepover (tool radius multiplied by path overlap **Q370**). The TNC always calculates a constant stepover. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side? (incremental):** Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1:** Type of milling operation with M3:  
 +1 = Climb  
 -1 = Up-cut  
**PREDEF:** The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth? (incremental):** Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of stud. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth? (incremental):** Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999; alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance? (incremental):** Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**



- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q370 Path overlap factor?:**  $Q370 \times \text{tool radius} = \text{stepover factor } k$ . Input range: 0.0001 to 1.9999 alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q376 Starting angle?:** Polar angle relative to the stud center from which the tool approaches the stud. Input range 0 to 359°
- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?:** Define the extent of machining:  
**0:** Roughing and finishing  
**1:** Roughing only  
**2:** Finishing only
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?**  
(incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental):  
Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut.  
**Q338=0:** Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**

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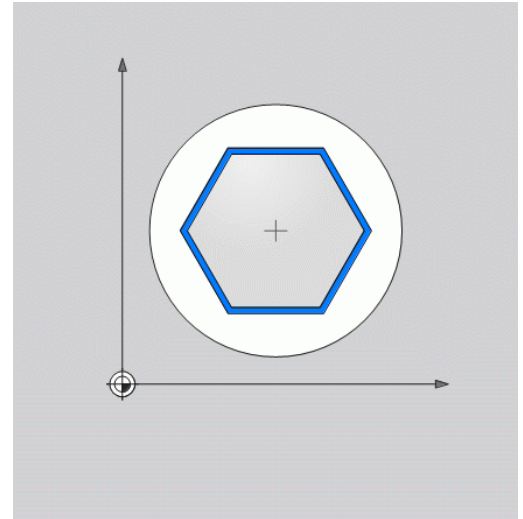
<b>8 CYCL DEF 257 CIRCULAR STUD</b>	
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<b>Q222=60</b>	<b>;WORKPIECE BLANK DIA.</b>
<b>Q368=0.2</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE</b>
<b>Q207=500</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG</b>
<b>Q351=+1</b>	<b>;CLIMB OR UP-CUT</b>
<b>Q201=-20</b>	<b>;DEPTH</b>
<b>Q202=5</b>	<b>;PLUNGING DEPTH</b>
<b>Q206=150</b>	<b>;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG</b>
<b>Q200=2</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q203=+0</b>	<b>;SURFACE COORDINATE</b>
<b>Q204=50</b>	<b>;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q370=1</b>	<b>;TOOL PATH OVERLAP</b>
<b>Q376=0</b>	<b>;STARTING ANGLE</b>
<b>Q215=+1</b>	<b>;MACHINING OPERATION</b>
<b>Q369=0</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR</b>
<b>Q338=0</b>	<b>;INFEEED FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>Q385=+500</b>	<b>;FINISHING FEED RATE</b>
<b>9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	

## 5.8 POLYGON STUD (Cycle 258, DIN/ISO: G258, software option 19)

### Cycle run

With the cycle **Polygon stud** you can create an even polygon by machining the contour outside. The milling operation is carried out on a spiral path, based on the diameter of the workpiece blank.

- 1 If, at the beginning of machining, the work piece is positioned below the 2nd set-up clearance, the TNC will retract the tool back to the 2nd setup clearance.
- 2 Starting from the center of the stud the TNC moves the tool to the starting point of the stud machining. The starting point depends, among others, on the diameter of the workpiece blank and the angle of rotation of the stud. The angle of rotation is determined with parameter Q224.
- 3 The tool moves at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the setup clearance Q200 and from there with the feed rate for plunging to the first plunging depth.
- 4 Then the TNC creates the polygon stud in a spiral-shaped pass, taking into account the path overlap
- 5 The TNC moves the tool on a tangential path from the outside to the inside
- 6 The tool will be lifted in the direction of the spindle axis to the 2nd setup clearance in one rapid movement
- 7 If several plunging depths are required, the TNC will position the tool back to the starting point of the stud milling process.
- 8 This process is repeated until the programmed stud depth is reached.
- 9 At the end of the cycle first a departing motion is performed. Then the TNC will move the tool on the tool axis to the 2nd setup clearance.



**Please note while programming:**

Before the start of the cycle you will have to preposition the tool on the machining plane. In order to do so, move the tool with radius compensation **R0** to the center of the stud.

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the LCUTS tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the Q202 infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

### **NOTICE**

#### **Danger of collision!**

The TNC automatically performs an approach motion with this cycle. A collision may occur if there is not sufficient room.

- ▶ Specify with Q224 which angle is used to machine the first corner of the polygon. Input range: -360° to +360°
- ▶ Depending on the rotary position Q224, the following amount of space must be left next to the stud: At least tool diameter + 2mm.

### **NOTICE**

#### **Danger of collision!**

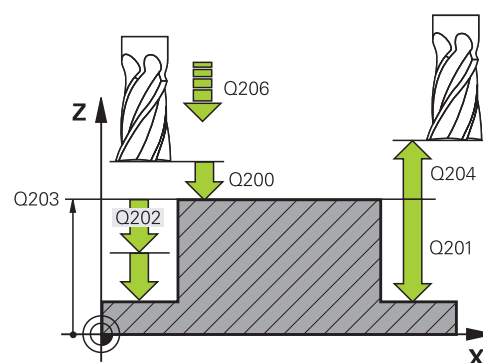
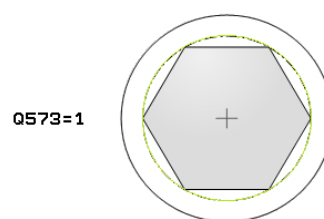
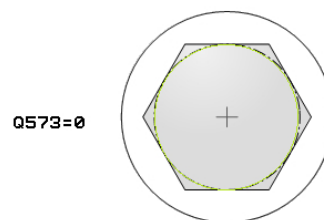
At the end, the TNC positions the tool back to the set-up clearance, or to the 2nd set-up clearance if one was programmed. The end position of the tool after the cycle must not match the starting position.

- ▶ Control the traversing movements of the machine
- ▶ In the simulation, control the end position of the tool after the cycle
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute (not incremental) coordinates

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q573 Inscr.circle/circumcircle (0/1)?**: Definition of whether the dimensioning shall reference to the inscribed circle or to the perimeter:  
**0**= dimensioning refers to the inscribed circle  
**1**= dimensioning refers to the perimeter
- ▶ **Q571 Reference circle diameter?**: Definition of the diameter of the reference circle. Specify in parameter Q573 whether the diameter references to the inscribed circle or the perimeter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q222 Workpiece blank diameter?**: Definition of the diameter of the workpiece blank. The workpiece blank diameter must be greater than the reference circle diameter. The TNC performs multiple stepovers if the difference between the workpiece blank diameter and reference circle diameter is greater than the permitted stepover (tool radius multiplied by path overlap **Q370**). The TNC always calculates a constant stepover. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q572 Number of corners?**: Enter the number of corners of the polygon. The TNC will always equally divide the corners on the stud. Input range 3 to 30
- ▶ **Q224 Angle of rotation?**: Specify which angle is used to machine the first corner of the polygon. Input range: -360° to +360°
- ▶ **Q220 Radius / Chamfer (+/-)?**: Enter the value for the input form radius or chamfer. If you enter a positive value between 0 and +99999.9999, the TNC rounds every corner. The radius refers to the value you entered. If you enter a negative value between 0 and -99999.9999 all corners of the contour are chamfered and the value entered refers to the length of the chamfer.
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. (If you enter a negative value, the TNC repositions the tool after roughing to a diameter outside of the workpiece blank diameter.) Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)



## NC blocks

8 CYCL DEF 258 POLYGON STUD	
Q573=1	;REFERENCE CIRCLE
Q571=50	;REF-CIRCLE DIAMETER
Q222=120	;WORKPIECE BLANK DIA.
Q572=10	;NUMBER OF CORNERS
Q224=40	;ANGLE OF ROTATION
Q220=2	;RADIUS / CHAMFER
Q368=0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q207=3000	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q351=1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q201=-18	;DEPTH
Q202=10	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q370=1	;TOOL PATH OVERLAP

- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of stud. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999; alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q370 Path overlap factor?**:  $Q370 \times \text{tool radius} = \text{stepover factor } k$ . Input range: 0.0001 to 1.9999 alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:  
**0**: Roughing and finishing  
**1**: Only roughing  
**2**: Only finishing  
Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental): Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut.  $Q338=0$ : Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**

<b>Q215=0</b>	<b>;MACHINING OPERATION</b>
<b>Q369=0</b>	<b>;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR</b>
<b>Q338=0</b>	<b>;INFEEED FOR FINISHING</b>
<b>Q385=500</b>	<b>;FINISHING FEED RATE</b>
<b>9 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	

## 5.9 FACE MILLING (Cycle 233, DIN/ISO: G233, software option 19)

### Cycle run

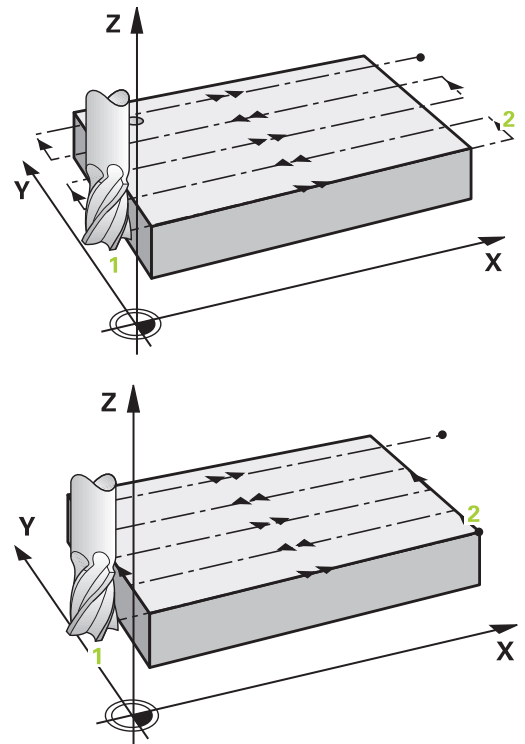
Cycle 233 is used to face mill a level surface in multiple infeeds while taking the finishing allowance into account. Additionally, you can also define side walls in the cycle which are taken into account during the machining of the level surface. The cycle offers you various machining strategies:

- **Strategy Q389=0:** Meander machining, stepover outside the surface being machined
  - **Strategy Q389=1:** Meander machining, stepover at the edge of the surface being machined
  - **Strategy Q389=2:** The surface is machined line by line with overtravel; stepover when retracting at rapid traverse
  - **Strategy Q389=3:** The surface is machined line by line without overtravel; stepover when retracting at rapid traverse
  - **Strategy Q389=4:** Helical machining from the outside toward the inside
- 1 From the current position, the TNC positions the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the starting point **1** in the working plane: The starting point in the working plane is offset from the edge of the workpiece by the tool radius and the safety clearance to the side.
  - 2 The TNC then positions the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the set-up clearance in the spindle axis.
  - 3 The tool then moves in the tool axis at the feed rate for milling Q207 to the first plunging depth calculated by the TNC.

**Strategies Q389=0 and Q389=1**

The strategies Q389=0 and Q389=1 differ in the overtravel during face milling. If Q389=0, the end point lies outside of the surface. If Q389=1, it lies at the edge of the surface. The TNC calculates the end point **2** from the side length and the safety clearance to the side. If the strategy Q389=0 is used, the TNC additionally moves the tool beyond the level surface by the tool radius.

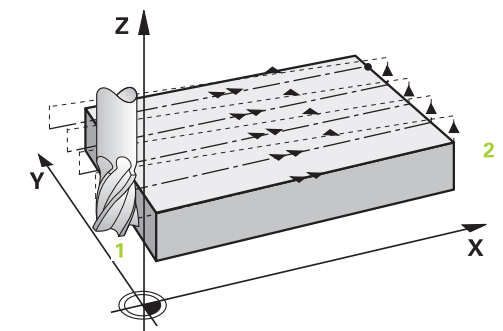
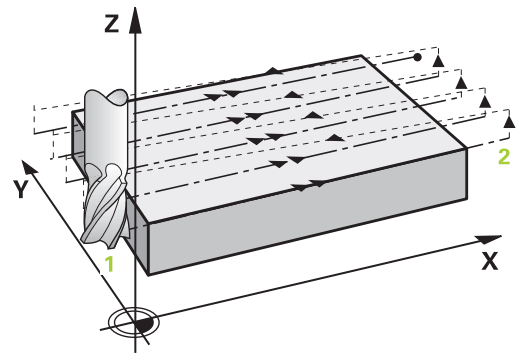
- 4 The TNC moves the tool to the end point **2** at the programmed feed rate for milling.
- 5 Then the TNC offsets the tool to the starting point in the next pass at the pre-positioning feed rate. The offset is calculated from the programmed width, the tool radius, the maximum path overlap factor and the safety clearance to the side.
- 6 The tool then returns at the feed rate for milling in the opposite direction.
- 7 The process is repeated until the programmed surface has been completed.
- 8 The TNC then positions the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** back to the starting point **1**.
- 9 If more than one infeed is required, the TNC moves the tool in the tool axis to the next plunging depth at the positioning feed rate.
- 10 The process is repeated until all infeeds have been machined. In the last infeed, only the finishing allowance entered is milled at the finishing feed rate.
- 11 At the end of the cycle, the tool is retracted at **FMAX** to the 2nd set-up clearance.



**Strategies Q389=2 and Q389=3**

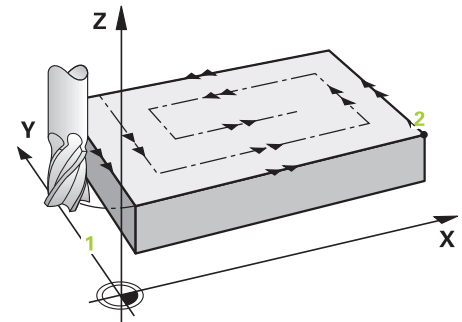
The strategies Q389=2 and Q389=3 differ in the overtravel during face milling. If Q389=2, the end point lies outside of the surface. If Q389=3, it lies at the edge of the surface. The TNC calculates the end point **2** from the side length and the safety clearance to the side. If the strategy Q389=2 is used, the TNC additionally moves the tool beyond the level surface by the tool radius.

- 4 The tool subsequently advances to the end point **2** at the programmed feed rate for milling.
- 5 The TNC positions the tool in the spindle axis to the set-up clearance over the current infeed depth, and then moves at **FMAX** directly back to the starting point in the next line. The TNC calculates the offset from the programmed width, the tool radius, the maximum path overlap factor and the safety clearance to the side.
- 6 The tool then returns to the current infeed depth and moves in the direction of the next end point **2**.
- 7 The multipass process is repeated until the programmed surface has been completed. At the end of the last path, the TNC positions the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** back to the starting point **1**.
- 8 If more than one infeed is required, the TNC moves the tool in the tool axis to the next plunging depth at the positioning feed rate.
- 9 The process is repeated until all infeeds have been machined. In the last infeed, only the finishing allowance entered is milled at the finishing feed rate.
- 10 At the end of the cycle, the tool is retracted at **FMAX** to the 2nd set-up clearance.



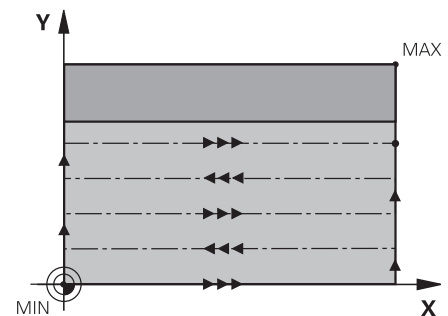
### Strategy Q389=4

- 4 With the programmed **Feed rate for milling** the tool subsequently approaches the starting point of the milling path on a tangential arc.
- 5 The TNC machines the level surface at the feed rate for milling from the outside toward the inside with ever-shorter milling paths. The constant stepover results in the tool being continuously engaged.
- 6 The process is repeated until the programmed surface has been completed. At the end of the last path, the TNC positions the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** back to the starting point **1**.
- 7 If more than one infeed is required, the TNC moves the tool in the tool axis to the next plunging depth at the positioning feed rate.
- 8 The process is repeated until all infeeds have been machined. In the last infeed, only the finishing allowance entered is milled at the finishing feed rate.
- 9 At the end of the cycle, the tool is retracted at **FMAX** to the **2nd set-up clearance**.



### Limits

The limiters enable you to limit the machining of the level surface, for example, to account for side walls or shoulders during machining. A side wall that is defined by a limit is machined to the finished dimension resulting from the starting point or the side lengths of the level surface. For roughing the TNC includes the oversize of the side - for finishing the oversize helps to preposition the tool.



**Please note while programming:**

Pre-position the tool in the machining plane to the starting position with radius compensation **R0**. Keep in mind the machining direction.

The TNC automatically pre-positions the tool in the tool axis. Observe **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE**.

Enter the **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE** so that no collision with the workpiece or the fixtures can occur.

If **Q227 STARTNG PNT 3RD AXIS** and **Q386 END POINT 3RD AXIS** are entered as equal values, the TNC will not carry out the cycle (depth=0 programmed).

The TNC reduces the infeed depth to the **LCUTS** tool length defined in the tool table if the tool length is shorter than the **Q202** infeed depth programmed in the cycle.

If you define **Q370 TOOL PATH OVERLAP >1**, the programmed overlap factor is taken into account from the first machining path.

Cycle 233 monitors the entry for tool length / length of the cutting edge **LCUTS** in the tool table. If the length of the tool or teeth is not sufficient for finishing operations, The TNC subdivides the machining into several working steps.

## NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

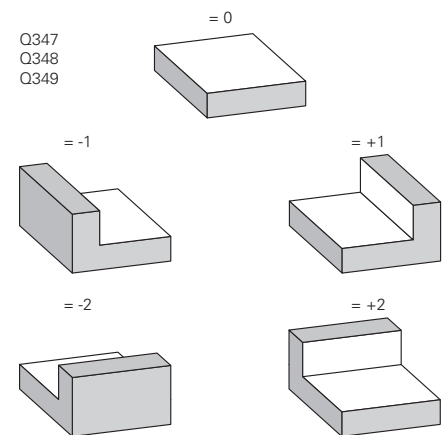
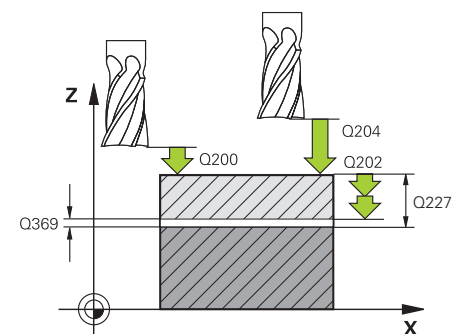
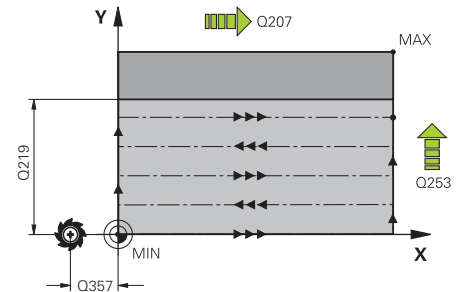
If you enter a positive depth with a cycle, the TNC reverses calculation of the pre-positioning. This means that the tool moves at rapid traverse in the tool axis to set-up clearance **below** the workpiece surface!

- ▶ Enter depth as negative
- ▶ Enter in machine parameter **displayDepthErr** (No. 201003) whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if a positive depth is entered

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:
  - 0**: Roughing and finishing
  - 1**: Only roughing
  - 2**: Only finishing
 Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q389 Machining strategy (0-4)?**: Determine how the TNC should machine the surface:
  - 0**: Meander machining, stepover at the positioning feed rate outside the surface being machined
  - 1**: Meander machining, stepover at the feed rate for milling at the edge of the surface being machined
  - 2**: Line-by-line machining, retraction and stepover at the positioning feed rate
  - 3**: Line-by-line machining, retraction and stepover at the edge of the surface being machined
  - 4**: Helical machining, smooth approach from the outside toward the inside
- ▶ **Q350 Milling direction?**: Axis in the machining plane that defines the machining direction:
  - 1**: Reference axis = machining direction
  - 2**: Minor axis = machining direction
- ▶ **Q218 First side length?** (incremental): Length of the surface to be machined in the reference axis of the working plane, referenced to the starting point in the 1st axis. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q219 Second side length?** (incremental): Length of the surface to be machined in the minor axis of the working plane. Use the algebraic sign to specify the direction of the first transverse approach in reference to the **STARTNG PNT 2ND AXIS**. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q227 Starting point in 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface used to calculate the infeeds. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q386 End point in 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis on which the surface is to be face-milled. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?**  
(incremental): Distance used for the last infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q370 Path overlap factor?:** Maximum stepover factor k. The TNC calculates the actual stepover from the second side length (Q219) and the tool radius so that a constant stepover is used for machining. Input range: 0.1 to 1.9999.
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling the last infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when approaching the starting position and when moving to the next pass. If you are moving the tool transversely to the material (Q389=1), the TNC moves the tool at the feed rate for milling Q207. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q357 Safety clearance to the side?** (incremental)  
Parameter Q357 has an influence on the following situations:  
  - Approach the first plunging depth:** Q357 is the safety clearance of the tool to the side of the workpiece
  - Roughing with milling strategies Q389=0-3:** The surface in **Q350** MILLING DIRECTION is increased by the value from Q357, provided that no limitation is set in this direction
  - Side finishing:** The paths are extended by Q357 in **Q350** MILLING DIRECTION  
Input range 0 to 99999.9999

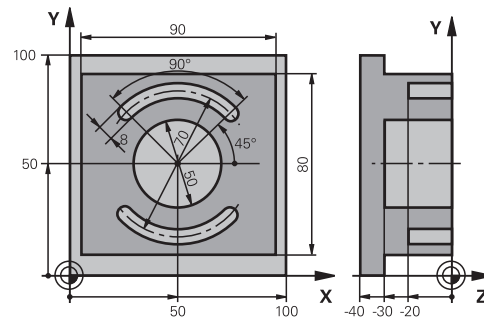
**NC blocks**

8 CYCL DEF 233 FACE MILLING	
Q215=0	;MACHINING OPERATION
Q389=2	;MILLING STRATEGY
Q350=1	;MILLING DIRECTION
Q218=120	;FIRST SIDE LENGTH
Q219=80	;2ND SIDE LENGTH
Q227=0	;STARTNG PNT 3RD AXIS
Q386=-6	;END POINT 3RD AXIS
Q369=0.2	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR
Q202=3	;MAX. PLUNGING DEPTH
Q370=1	;TOOL PATH OVERLAP
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q385=500	;FINISHING FEED RATE
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q357=2	;CLEARANCE TO SIDE
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q347=0	;1ST LIMIT
Q348=0	;2ND LIMIT
Q349=0	;3RD LIMIT
Q220=2	;CORNER RADIUS
Q368=0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q338=0	;INFEEED FOR FINISHING
9 L X+0 Y+0 R0 FMAX M3 M99	

- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q347 1st limit?:** Select the side of the workpiece where the plan surface is bordered by a side wall (not possible with helical machining). Depending on the position of the side wall, the TNC limits the machining of the level surface to the respective coordinate of the starting point or to the side length: (not possible with helical machining):  
 Input **0**: No limiting  
 Input **-1**: Limiting in negative principal axis  
 Input **+1**: Limiting in positive principal axis  
 Input **-2**: Limiting in negative secondary axis  
 Input **+2**: Limiting in positive secondary axis
- ▶ **Q348 2nd limit?:** See Parameter 1st limit Q347
- ▶ **Q349 3rd limit?:** See Parameter 1st limit Q347
- ▶ **Q220 Corner radius?:** Radius of a corner at limits (Q347 to Q349). Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental): Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut.  
 Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999

## 5.10 Programming Examples

### Example: Milling pockets, studs and slots



<b>0 BEGINN PGM C210 MM</b>	
<b>1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-40</b>	Definition of workpiece blank
<b>2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0</b>	
<b>3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S3500</b>	Call the tool for roughing/finishing
<b>4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool
<b>5 CYCL DEF 256 RECTANGULAR STUD</b>	Define cycle for machining the contour outside
Q218=90 ;FIRST SIDE LENGTH	
Q424=100 ;WORKPC. BLANK SIDE 1	
Q219=80 ;2ND SIDE LENGTH	
Q425=100 ;WORKPC. BLANK SIDE 2	
Q220=0 ;CORNER RADIUS	
Q368=0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q224=0 ;ANGLE OF ROTATION	
Q367=0 ;STUD POSITION	
Q207=250 ;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG	
Q351=+1 ;CLIMB OR UP-CUT	
Q201=-30 ;DEPTH	
Q202=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q206=250 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=20 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q370=1 ;TOOL PATH OVERLAP	
Q437=0 ;APPROACH POSITION	
<b>6 L X+50 Y+50 R0 M3 M99</b>	Call cycle for machining the contour outside
<b>7 CYCL DEF 252 CIRCULAR POCKET</b>	Define CIRCULAR POCKET MILLING cycle
Q215=0 ;MACHINING OPERATION	
Q223=50 ;CIRCLE DIAMETER	
Q368=0.2 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q207=500 ;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG	

Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT	
Q201=-30	;DEPTH	
Q202=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q369=0.1	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR	
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q338=5	;INFEEED FOR FINISHING	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q370=1	;TOOL PATH OVERLAP	
Q366=1	;PLUNGE	
Q385=750	;FINISHING FEED RATE	
Q439=0	;FEED RATE REFERENCE	
8 L X+50 Y+50 R0 FMAX M99		Call CIRCULAR POCKET MILLING cycle
9 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M6		Tool change
10 TOOL CALL 2 Z S5000		Call tool: slotting mill
11 CYCL DEF 254 CIRCULAR SLOT		Define SLOT cycle
Q215=0	;MACHINING OPERATION	
Q219=8	;SLOT WIDTH	
Q368=0.2	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q375=70	;PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETR	
Q367=0	;REF. SLOT POSITION	No pre-positioning in X/Y required
Q216=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	
Q217=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	
Q376=+45	;STARTING ANGLE	
Q248=90	;ANGULAR LENGTH	
Q378=180	;STEPPING ANGLE	Starting point for second slot
Q377=2	;NR OF REPETITIONS	
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG	
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT	
Q201=-20	;DEPTH	
Q202=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q369=0.1	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR	
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q338=5	;INFEEED FOR FINISHING	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q366=1	;PLUNGE	
Q385=500	;FINISHING FEED RATE	
Q439=0	;FEED RATE REFERENCE	
12 CYCL CALL FMAX M3		Call SLOT cycle
13 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2		Retract in the tool axis, end program

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14 END PGM C210 MM
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
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**Fixed Cycles:  
Pattern Definitions**

## 6.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

The TNC provides two cycles for machining point patterns directly:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	220 POLAR PATTERN	199
	221 CARTESIAN PATTERN	202

You can combine Cycle 220 and Cycle 221 with the following fixed cycles:



If you have to machine irregular point patterns, use **CYCL CALL PAT** (See "Point tables", page 65) to develop point tables.

More regular point patterns are available with the **pattern def** function (See "PATTERN DEF pattern definition", page 58).

Cycle 200	DRILLING
Cycle 201	REAMING
Cycle 202	BORING
Cycle 203	UNIVERSAL DRILLING
Cycle 204	BACK BORING
Cycle 205	UNIVERSAL PECKING
Cycle 206	TAPPING NEW with a floating tap holder
Cycle 207	RIGID TAPPING without a floating tap holder NEW
Cycle 208	BORE MILLING
Cycle 209	TAPPING WITH CHIP BREAKING
Cycle 240	CENTERING
Cycle 251	RECTANGULAR POCKET
Cycle 252	CIRCULAR POCKET MILLING
Cycle 253	SLOT MILLING
Cycle 254	CIRCULAR SLOT (can only be combined with Cycle 221)
Cycle 256	RECTANGULAR STUD
Cycle 257	CIRCULAR STUD
Cycle 262	THREAD MILLING
Cycle 263	THREAD MILLING/COUNTERSINKING
Cycle 264	THREAD DRILLING/MILLING
Cycle 265	HELICAL THREAD DRILLING/MILLING
Cycle 267	OUTSIDE THREAD MILLING

## 6.2 POLAR PATTERN (Cycle 220, DIN/ISO: G220, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 At rapid traverse, the TNC moves the tool from its current position to the starting point for the first machining operation.  
Sequence:
  - Move to the 2nd set-up clearance (spindle axis)
  - Approach the starting point in the spindle axis.
  - Move to the set-up clearance above the workpiece surface (spindle axis)
- 2 From this position, the TNC executes the last defined fixed cycle.
- 3 The tool then approaches on a straight line or a circular arc the starting point for the next machining operation. The tool stops at the set-up clearance (or the 2nd set-up clearance).
- 4 This process (1 to 3) is repeated until all machining operations have been executed.

### Please note while programming:

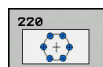


Cycle 220 is DEF active, which means that Cycle 220 automatically calls the last defined fixed cycle.

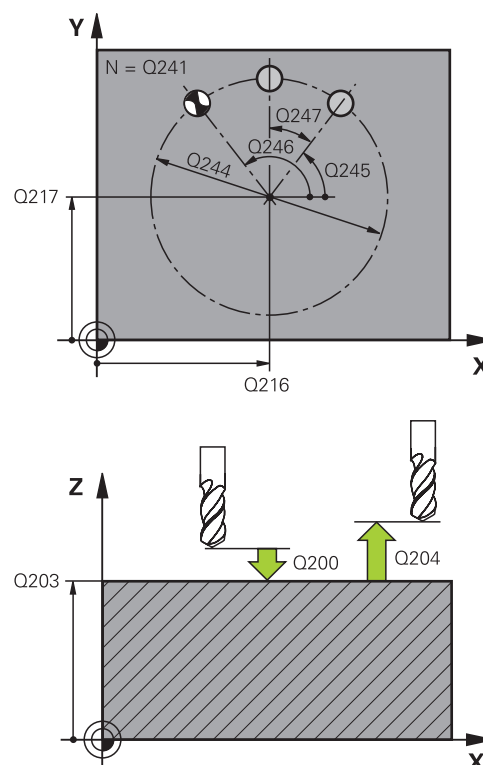
If you combine Cycle 220 with one of the fixed cycles 200 to 209 and 251 to 267 or with cycle 221, the set-up clearance, workpiece surface and the 2nd set-up clearance that were defined in Cycle 220 or 221 will be effective. This applies in the program until the affected parameters are overwritten again. Example: If in a program Cycle 200 is defined with Q203=0 and then a cycle 220 is programmed with Q203=-5, Q203=-5 is used with the subsequent CYCL CALL and M99 calls. Cycles 220 and 221 overwrite the above-specified parameters of the CALL-active machining cycles (with identical input parameters in both cycles).

If you run this cycle in the Single Block mode of operation, the control stops between the individual points of a point pattern.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q216 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Pitch circle center in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q217 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Pitch circle center in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q244 Pitch circle diameter?**: Diameter of the pitch circle. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q245 Starting angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the starting point for the first machining operation on the pitch circle. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q246 Stopping angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the starting point for the last machining operation on the pitch circle (does not apply to complete circles). Do not enter the same value for the stopping angle and starting angle. If you enter the stopping angle greater than the starting angle, machining will be carried out counterclockwise; otherwise, machining will be clockwise. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q247 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle between two machining operations on a pitch circle. If you enter an angle step of 0, the TNC will calculate the angle step from the starting and stopping angles and the number of pattern repetitions. If you enter a value other than 0, the TNC will not take the stopping angle into account. The sign for the angle step determines the working direction (negative = clockwise). Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q241 Number of repetitions?**: Number of machining operations on a pitch circle. Input range 1 to 99999
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

53 CYCL DEF 220 POLAR PATTERN	
Q216=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q217=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q244=80	;PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETR
Q245=+0	;STARTING ANGLE
Q246=+360	;STOPPING ANGLE
Q247=+0	;STEPPING ANGLE
Q241=8	;NR OF REPETITIONS
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+30	;SURFACE COORDINATE

- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the tool moves between machining operations:  
**0**: Move at safety clearance between machining operations  
**1**: Move at 2nd safety clearance between machining operations
- ▶ **Q365 Type of traverse? Line=0/arc=1**: Definition of the path function with which the tool moves between machining operations:  
**0**: Move in a straight line between machining operations  
**1**: Move in a circular arc on the pitch circle diameter between machining operations

Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q365=0	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE

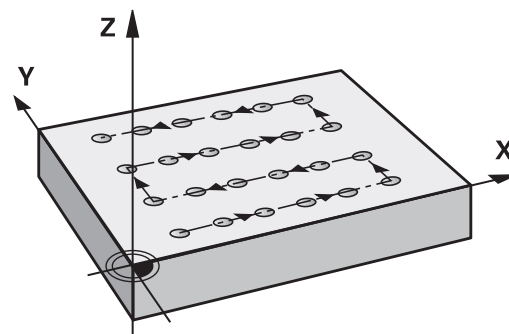
## 6.3 LINEAR PATTERN (Cycle 221, DIN/ISO: G221, software option 19)

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC automatically moves the tool from its current position to the starting point for the first machining operation.

Sequence:

- Move to the 2nd set-up clearance (spindle axis)
  - Approach the starting point in the machining plane
  - Move to the set-up clearance above the workpiece surface (spindle axis)
- 2 From this position, the TNC executes the last defined fixed cycle.
  - 3 The tool then approaches the starting point for the next machining operation in the positive reference axis direction at set-up clearance (or 2nd set-up clearance).
  - 4 This process (1 to 3) is repeated until all machining operations on the first line have been executed. The tool is located above the last point on the first line.
  - 5 The tool subsequently moves to the last point on the second line where it carries out the machining operation.
  - 6 From this position, the tool approaches the starting point for the next machining operation in the negative reference axis direction.
  - 7 This process (6) is repeated until all machining operations in the second line have been executed.
  - 8 The tool then moves to the starting point of the next line.
  - 9 All subsequent lines are processed in a reciprocating movement.



### Please note while programming:



Cycle 221 is DEF active, which means that Cycle 221 automatically calls the last defined fixed cycle.

If you combine Cycle 221 with one of the fixed cycles 200 to 209 and 251 to 267, the set-up clearance, workpiece surface, the 2nd set-up clearance, and the rotational position that were defined in Cycle 221 will be effective.

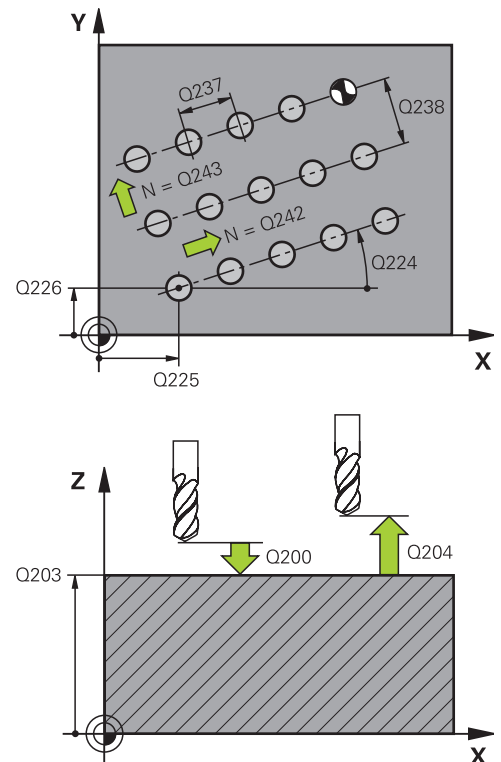
The slot position 0 is not allowed if you use Cycle 254 Circular Slot in combination with Cycle 221.

If you run this cycle in the Single Block mode of operation, the control stops between the individual points of a point pattern.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q225 Starting point in 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the starting point in the reference axis of the working plane
- ▶ **Q226 Starting point in 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the starting point in the minor axis of the working plane
- ▶ **Q237 Spacing in 1st axis?** (incremental): Spacing between the individual points on a line
- ▶ **Q238 Spacing in 2nd axis?** (incremental): Spacing between the individual lines
- ▶ **Q242 Number of columns?:** Number of machining operations on a line
- ▶ **Q243 Number of lines?:** Number of lines
- ▶ **Q224 Angle of rotation?** (absolute): Angle by which the entire pattern is rotated. The center of rotation lies in the starting point
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?:** Definition of how the tool moves between machining operations:  
**0:** Move at safety clearance between machining operations  
**1:** Move at 2nd safety clearance between machining operations

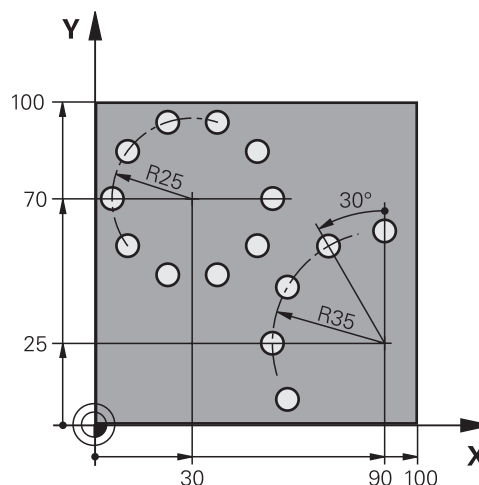


### NC blocks

54 CYCL DEF 221 CARTESIAN PATTERN	
Q225=+15	;STARTNG PNT 1ST AXIS
Q226=+15	;STARTNG PNT 2ND AXIS
Q237=+10	;SPACING IN 1ST AXIS
Q238=+8	;SPACING IN 2ND AXIS
Q242=6	;NUMBER OF COLUMNS
Q243=4	;NUMBER OF LINES
Q224=+15	;ANGLE OF ROTATION
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+30	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE

## 6.4 Programming Examples

### Example: Polar hole patterns



0 BEGIN PGM HOLEPAT MM	
1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-40	Definition of workpiece blank
2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0	
3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S3500	Tool call
4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M3	Retract the tool
5 CYCL DEF 200 DRILLING	Cycle definition: drilling
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-15 ;DEPTH	
Q206=250 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q202=4 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q211=0 ;DWELL TIME AT TOP	
Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=0 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q211=0.25 ;DWELL TIME AT DEPTH	
Q395=0 ;DEPTH REFERENCE	
6 CYCL DEF 220 POLAR PATTERN	Define cycle for polar pattern 1, CYCL 200 is called automatically; Q200, Q203 and Q204 are effective as defined in Cycle 220.
Q216=+30 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	
Q217=+70 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	
Q244=50 ;PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETR	
Q245=+0 ;STARTING ANGLE	
Q246=+360 ;STOPPING ANGLE	
Q247=+0 ;STEPPING ANGLE	
Q241=10 ;NR OF REPETITIONS	
Q200=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q203=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	

Q204=100	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE	
Q365=0	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE	
<b>7 CYCL DEF 220 POLAR PATTERN</b>		Define cycle for polar pattern 2, CYCL 200 is called automatically; Q200, Q203 and Q204 are effective as defined in Cycle 220.
Q216=+90	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	
Q217=+25	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	
Q244=70	;PITCH CIRCLE DIAMETR	
Q245=+90	;STARTING ANGLE	
Q246=+360	;STOPPING ANGLE	
Q247=+30	;STEPPING ANGLE	
Q241=5	;NR OF REPETITIONS	
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=100	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE	
Q365=0	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE	
<b>8 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2</b>		Retract in the tool axis, end program
<b>9 END PGM HOLEPAT MM</b>		



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**Fixed Cycles:  
Contour Pocket**

## 7.1 SL Cycles

### Fundamentals

SL cycles enable you to form complex contours by combining up to 12 subcontours (pockets or islands). You define the individual subcontours in subprograms. The TNC calculates the total contour from the subcontours (subprogram numbers) that you enter in Cycle 14 CONTOUR.



The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle is limited. You can program up to 16384 contour elements in one SL cycle.

SL cycles conduct comprehensive and complex internal calculations as well as the resulting machining operations. For safety reasons, always run a graphical program test before machining! This is a simple way of finding out whether the TNC-calculated program will provide the desired results.

When you use local **QL** Q parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.

### Characteristics of the subprograms

- Coordinate transformations are allowed. If they are programmed within the subcontour they are also effective in the following subprograms, but they need not be reset after the cycle call.
- The TNC recognizes a pocket if the tool path lies inside the contour, for example if you machine the contour clockwise with radius compensation RR.
- The TNC recognizes an island if the tool path lies outside the contour, for example if you machine the contour clockwise with radius compensation RL.
- The subprograms must not contain spindle axis coordinates.
- Always program both axes in the first block of the subprogram
- If you use Q parameters, then only perform the calculations and assignments within the affected contour subprograms.

### Program structure: Machining with SL cycles

0 BEGIN PGM SL2 MM
...
12 CYCL DEF 14 CONTOUR ...
13 CYCL DEF 20 CONTOUR DATA ...
...
16 CYCL DEF 21 PILOT DRILLING ...
17 CYCL CALL
...
18 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGH-OUT ...
19 CYCL CALL
...
22 CYCL DEF 23 FLOOR FINISHING ...
23 CYCL CALL
...
26 CYCL DEF 24 SIDE FINISHING ...
27 CYCL CALL
...
50 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2
51 LBL 1
...
55 LBL 0
56 LBL 2
...
60 LBL 0

**Characteristics of the fixed cycles**







- The TNC automatically positions the tool to the set-up clearance before each cycle. You must move the tool to a safe position before the cycle call.
- Each level of infeed depth is milled without interruptions since the cutter traverses around islands instead of over them.
- The radius of "inside corners" can be programmed—the tool keeps moving to prevent surface blemishes at inside corners (this applies to the outermost pass in the Rough-out and Side Finishing cycles).
- The contour is approached in a tangential arc for side finishing.
- For floor finishing, the tool again approaches the workpiece on a tangential arc (for spindle axis Z, for example, the arc may be in the Z/X plane).
- The contour is machined throughout in either climb or up-cut milling.

The machining data (such as milling depth, finishing allowance and set-up clearance) are entered as CONTOUR DATA in Cycle 20.



...

99 END PGM SL2 MM

## Overview

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	14 CONTOUR (compulsory)	211
	20 CONTOUR DATA (compulsory)	216
	21 PILOT DRILLING (optional)	218
	22 ROUGH-OUT (compulsory)	220
	23 FLOOR FINISHING (optional)	224
	24 SIDE FINISHING (optional)	226

### Enhanced cycles:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	25 CONTOUR TRAIN	229
	270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA	238

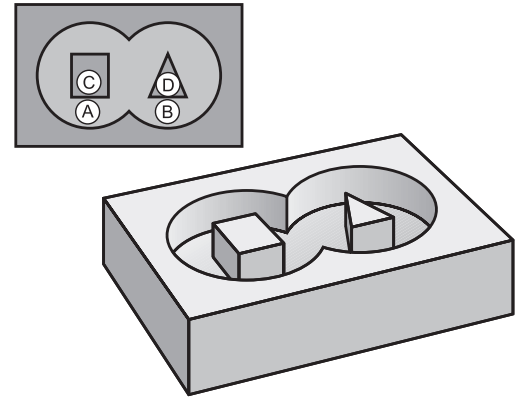
## 7.2 CONTOUR (Cycle 14, DIN/ISO: G37)

### Please note while programming:

All subprograms that are superimposed to define the contour are listed in Cycle 14 CONTOUR.



Cycle 14 is DEF active which means that it becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the part program. You can list up to 12 subprograms (subcontours) in Cycle 14.



### Cycle parameters

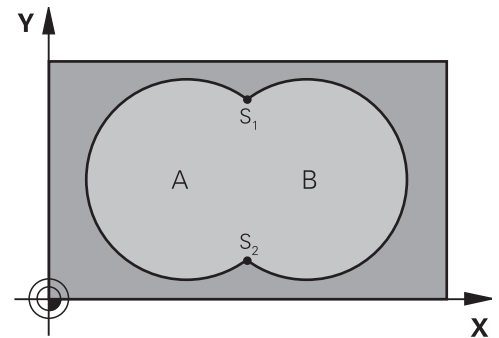
14
LBL 1...N

- **Label numbers for the contour:** Enter all label numbers for the individual subprograms that are to be superimposed to define the contour. Confirm every label number with the ENT key. When you have entered all numbers, conclude entry with the **END** key. Entry of up to 12 subprogram numbers 1 to 65535.

## 7.3 Superimposed contours

### Fundamentals

Pockets and islands can be overlapped to form a new contour. You can thus enlarge the area of a pocket by another pocket or reduce it by an island.



### NC blocks

```
12 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR
```

```
13 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR  
  LABEL1/2/3/4
```

### Subprograms: overlapping pockets



The subsequent programming examples are contour subprograms that are called by Cycle 14 CONTOUR in a main program.

Pockets A and B overlap.

The TNC calculates the points of intersection S1 and S2. They need not be programmed.

The pockets are programmed as full circles.

#### Subprogram 1: Pocket A

```
51 LBL 1  
52 L X+10 Y+50 RR  
53 CC X+35 Y+50  
54 C X+10 Y+50 DR-  
55 LBL 0
```

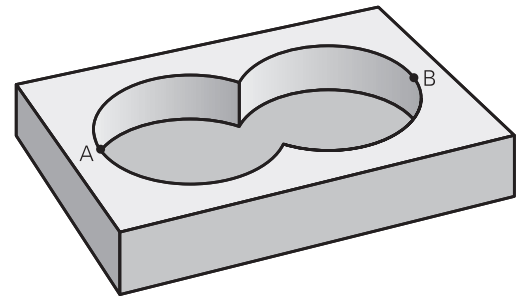
#### Subprogram 2: Pocket B

```
56 LBL 2  
57 L X+90 Y+50 RR  
58 CC X+65 Y+50  
59 C X+90 Y+50 DR-  
60 LBL 0
```

## Area of inclusion

Both surfaces A and B are to be machined, including the overlapping area:

- The surfaces A and B must be pockets.
- The first pocket (in Cycle 14) must start outside the second pocket.



### Surface A:

51 LBL 1
52 L X+10 Y+50 RR
53 CC X+35 Y+50
54 C X+10 Y+50 DR-
55 LBL 0

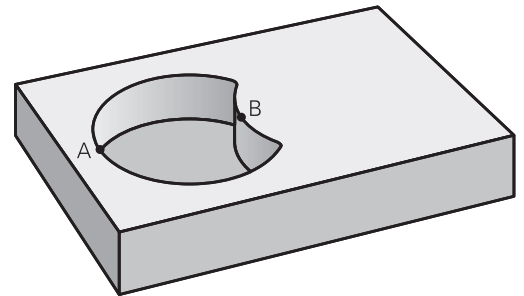
### Surface B:

56 LBL 2
57 L X+90 Y+50 RR
58 CC X+65 Y+50
59 C X+90 Y+50 DR-
60 LBL 0

## Area of exclusion

Surface A is to be machined without the portion overlapped by B:

- Surface A must be a pocket and B an island.
- A must start outside of B.
- B must start inside of A.



### Surface A:

51 LBL 1
52 L X+10 Y+50 RR
53 CC X+35 Y+50
54 C X+10 Y+50 DR-
55 LBL 0

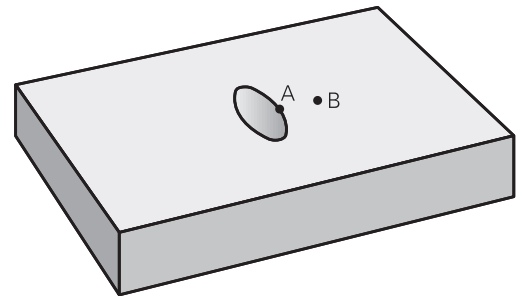
### Surface B:

56 LBL 2
57 L X+40 Y+50 RL
58 CC X+65 Y+50
59 C X+40 Y+50 DR-
60 LBL 0

### Area of intersection

Only the area where A and B overlap is to be machined. (The areas covered by A or B alone are to be left unmachined.)

- A and B must be pockets.
- A must start inside of B.



#### Surface A:

51 LBL 1
52 L X+60 Y+50 RR
53 CC X+35 Y+50
54 C X+60 Y+50 DR-
55 LBL 0

#### Surface B:

56 LBL 2
57 L X+90 Y+50 RR
58 CC X+65 Y+50
59 C X+90 Y+50 DR-
60 LBL 0

## 7.4 CONTOUR DATA (Cycle 20, DIN/ISO: G120, software option 19)

### Please note while programming:

Machining data for the subprograms describing the subcontours are entered in Cycle 20.



Cycle 20 is DEF active, which means that it becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the part program.

The machining data entered in Cycle 20 are valid for Cycles 21 to 24.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program  $DEPTH = 0$ , the TNC performs the cycle at the depth 0.

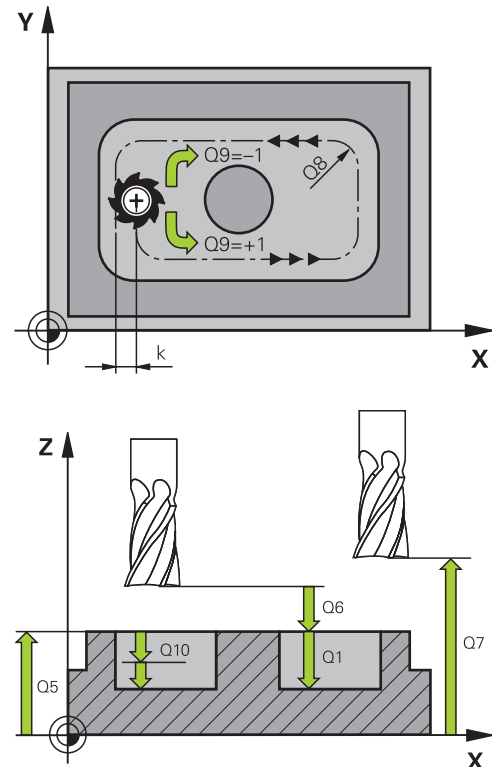
If you are using the SL cycles in Q parameter programs, the cycle parameters Q1 to Q20 cannot be used as program parameters.

## Cycle parameters

20  
CONTOUR  
DATA

- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of pocket. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q2 Path overlap factor?**  $Q2 \times \text{tool radius} = \text{stepover factor } k$ . Input range: -0.0001 to 1.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q4 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q5 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Absolute coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q6 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q7 Clearance height?** (absolute): Absolute height at which the tool cannot collide with the workpiece (for intermediate positioning and retraction at the end of the cycle). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q8 Inside corner radius?**: Inside "corner" rounding radius; entered value is referenced to the path of the tool center and is used to calculate smoother traverse motions between the contour elements. **Q8 is not a radius that is inserted as a separate contour element between programmed elements!** Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q9 Direction of rotation?**  $cw = -1$ : Machining direction for pockets
  - $Q9 = -1$  up-cut milling for pocket and island
  - $Q9 = +1$  climb milling for pocket and island

You can check the machining parameters during a program interruption and overwrite them if required.



## NC blocks

### 57 CYCL DEF 20 CONTOUR DATA

Q1=-20	;MILLING DEPTH
Q2=1	;TOOL PATH OVERLAP
Q3=+0.2	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q4=+0.1	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR
Q5=+30	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q6=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q7=+80	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q8=0.5	;ROUNDING RADIUS
Q9=+1	;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION

## 7.5 PILOT DRILLING (Cycle 21, DIN/ISO: G121, software option 19)

### Cycle run

You use Cycle 21 PILOT DRILLING if you subsequently do not use a center-cut end mill (ISO 1641) for clearing out your contour. This cycle drills a hole in the area that is to be roughed out with a cycle such as Cycle 22. Cycle 21 takes the allowance for side and the allowance for floor as well as the radius of the rough-out tool into account for the cutter infeed points. The cutter infeed points also serve as starting points for roughing.


Before calling Cycle 21 you need to program two further cycles:

- **Cycle 14 CONTOUR** or **SEL CONTOUR**—needed by Cycle 21 PILOT DRILLING in order to determine the drilling position in the plane
- **Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA**—needed by Cycle 21 PILOT DRILLING in order to determine parameters such as hole depth and set-up clearance

Cycle run:

- 1 The TNC first positions the tool in the plane (the position results from the contour you have defined with Cycle 14 or SEL CONTOUR, and from the rough-out tool data).
- 2 The tool then moves at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the set-up clearance. (Define the set-up clearance in Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA).
- 3 The tool drills from the current position to the first plunging depth at the programmed feed rate **F**.
- 4 Then the tool retracts at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the starting position and advances again to the first plunging depth minus the advanced stop distance **t**.
- 5 The advanced stop distance is automatically calculated by the control:
  - At a total hole depth up to 30 mm:  $t = 0.6 \text{ mm}$
  - At a total hole depth exceeding 30 mm:  $t = \text{hole depth} / 50$
  - Maximum advanced stop distance: 7 mm
- 6 The tool then advances with another infeed at the programmed feed rate **F**.
- 7 The TNC repeats this process (1 to 4) until the programmed total hole depth is reached. The finishing allowance for floor is taken into account.
- 8 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height or to the position last programmed before the cycle. This depends on the parameter ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, posAfterContPocket.

Please note while programming:



When calculating the infeed points, the TNC does not account for the delta value **DR** programmed in a **TOOL CALL** block.

In narrow areas, the TNC may not be able to carry out pilot drilling with a tool that is larger than the rough-out tool.

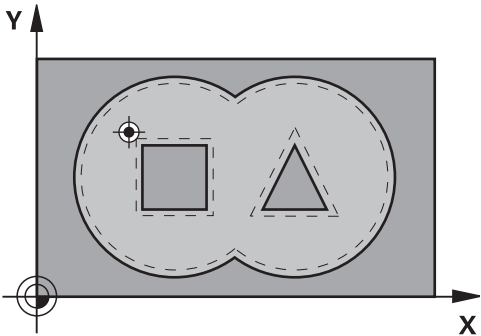
If Q13=0, the TNC uses the data of the tool that is currently in the spindle.

After the end of the cycle, do not position the tool in the plane incrementally, but rather to an absolute position if you have set the ConfigDatum > CfgGeoCycle > posAfterContPocket parameter to ToolAxClearanceHeight.

Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Dimension by which the tool drills in each infeed (minus sign for negative working direction). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while plunging. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q13 Rough-out tool number/name?** or QS13: Number or name of rough-out tool. You are able to apply the tool via soft key directly from the tool table.



NC blocks

58 CYCL DEF 21 PILOT DRILLING	
Q10=+5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q13=1	;ROUGH-OUT TOOL

## 7.6 ROUGHING (Cycle 22, DIN/ISO: G122, software option 19)

### Cycle run

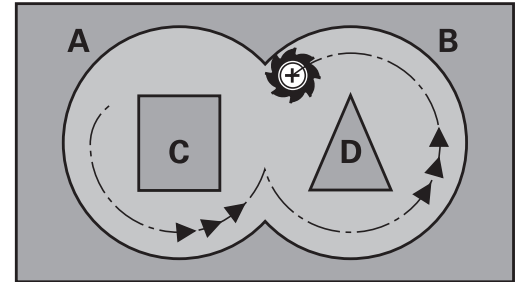
Use Cycle 22 ROUGHING to define the technology data for roughing.

Before calling Cycle 22 you need to program further cycles:

- Cycle 14 CONTOUR or SEL CONTOUR
- Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA
- Cycle 21 PILOT DRILLING, if necessary

Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool over the cutter infeed point, taking the allowance for side into account.
- 2 In the first plunging depth, the tool mills the contour from inside outward at the milling feed rate.
- 3 First the island contours (C and D in the figure at right) are rough-milled until the pocket contour (A, B) is approached.
- 4 In the next step the TNC moves the tool to the next plunging depth and repeats the roughing procedure until the program depth is reached.
- 5 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height or to the position last programmed before the cycle. This depends on the parameter ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, posAfterContPocket.



**Please note while programming:**

This cycle requires a center-cut end mill (ISO 1641) or pilot drilling with Cycle 21.

You define the plunging behavior of Cycle 22 with parameter Q19 and with the tool table in the **ANGLE** and **LCUTS** columns:

- If Q19=0 is defined, the TNC always plunges perpendicularly, even if a plunge angle (**ANGLE**) is defined for the active tool.
- If you define the **ANGLE**=90°, the TNC plunges perpendicularly. The reciprocation feed rate Q19 is used as plunging feed rate.
- If the reciprocation feed rate Q19 is defined in Cycle 22 and **ANGLE** is defined between 0.1 and 89.999 in the tool table, the TNC plunges helically at the defined **ANGLE**.
- If the reciprocation feed is defined in Cycle 22 and no **ANGLE** is in the tool table, the TNC displays an error message.
- If geometrical conditions do not allow helical plunging (slot), the TNC tries a reciprocating plunge. The reciprocation length is calculated from **LCUTS** and **ANGLE** (reciprocation length = **LCUTS** / tan **ANGLE**).

If you clear out an acute inside corner and use an overlap factor greater than 1, some material might be left over. Check especially the innermost path in the test run graphic and, if necessary, change the overlap factor slightly. This allows another distribution of cuts, which often provides the desired results.

During fine roughing the TNC does not take a defined wear value **DR** of the coarse roughing tool into account.

If **M110** is activated during operation, the feed rate of compensated circular arcs within will be reduced accordingly.

## NOTICE

### **Danger of collision!**

If you set the parameter **posAfterContPocket** to **ToolAxClearanceHeight**, the TNC positions the tool after the end of the cycle only in the tool axis direction to the clearance height. The TNC does not position the tool in the working plane.

- ▶ After the end of the cycle, position the tool with all coordinates of the working plane, e.g. **L X+80 Y+0 R0 FMAX**
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute position (not an incremental traversing movement)

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q18 Coarse roughing tool?** or **QS18**: Number or name of the tool with which the TNC has already coarsely-roughed the contour. You are able to apply the coarse roughing tool via soft key directly from the tool table. In addition, you can enter the tool name via the soft key **tool name**. The TNC automatically inserts the closing quotation mark when you exit the input field. If there was no coarse roughing, enter "0"; if you enter a number or a name, the TNC will only rough-out the portion that could not be machined with the coarse roughing tool. If the portion that is to be roughed cannot be approached from the side, the TNC will mill in a reciprocating plunge-cut; for this purpose you must enter the tool length **LCUTS** in the tool table TOOL.T and define the maximum plunging **ANGLE** of the tool. The TNC will otherwise generate an error message. Input range 0 to 99999 if a number is entered; maximum 16 characters if a name is entered.
- ▶ **Q19 Feed rate for reciprocation?**: Reciprocation feed rate in mm/min. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when retracting after the machining operation. If you enter Q208 = 0, the TNC retracts the tool at the feed rate Q12. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**

## NC blocks

59 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGH-OUT	
Q10=+5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=750	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q18=1	;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL
Q19=150	;FEED RATE FOR RECIP.
Q208=9999	;RETRACTION FEED RATE
Q401=80	;FEED RATE FACTOR
Q404=0	;FINE ROUGH STRATEGY

- ▶ **Q401 Feed rate factor in %?**: Percentage factor by which the TNC reduces the machining feed rate (Q12) as soon as the tool moves within the material over its entire circumference during roughing. If you use the feed rate reduction, then you can define the feed rate for roughing so large that there are optimum cutting conditions with the path overlap (Q2) specified in Cycle 20. The TNC then reduces the feed rate as per your definition at transitions and narrow places, so the machining time should be reduced in total. Input range 0.0001 to 100.0000
- ▶ **Q404 Fine roughing strategy (0/1)?**: Specify the fine roughing behavior of the TNC if the radius of the fine roughing tool is identical or greater than half the radius of the rough-out tool.  
 Q404=0:  
 The TNC moves the tool between the areas to be fine roughed at the current depth along the contour  
 Q404=1:  
 The TNC retracts the tool to the set-up clearance between the areas to be fine roughed and then moves to the starting point for the next area to be roughed out

## 7.7 FLOOR FINISHING (Cycle 23, DIN/ISO: G123, software option 19)

### Cycle run

With Cycle 23 FLOOR FINISHING, you can clear the finishing allowance for floor that is programmed in Cycle 20. The tool approaches the machining plane smoothly (on a vertically tangential arc) if there is sufficient room. If there is not enough room, the TNC moves the tool to depth vertically. The tool then clears the finishing allowance remaining from rough-out.

Before calling Cycle 23 you need to program further cycles:

- Cycle 14 CONTOUR or SEL CONTOUR
- Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA
- Cycle 21 PILOT DRILLING, if necessary
- Cycle 22 ROUGHING, if necessary

Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool to the clearance height at rapid traverse FMAX.
- 2 The tool then moves in the tool axis at the feed rate Q11.
- 3 The tool approaches the machining plane smoothly (on a vertically tangential arc) if there is sufficient room. If there is not enough room, the TNC moves the tool to depth vertically.
- 4 The tool clears the finishing allowance remaining from rough-out.
- 5 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height or to the position last programmed before the cycle. This depends on the parameter ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, posAfterContPocket.

**Please note while programming:**

The TNC automatically calculates the starting point for finishing. The starting point depends on the available space in the pocket.

The approaching radius for pre-positioning to the final depth is permanently defined and independent of the plunging angle of the tool.

If **M110** is activated during operation, the feed rate of compensated circular arcs within will be reduced accordingly.

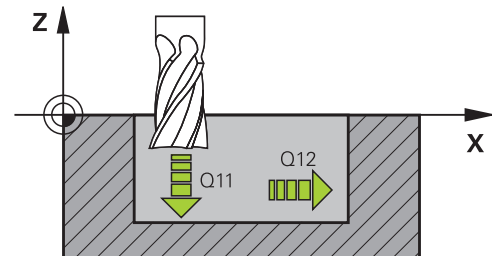
**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you set the parameter **posAfterContPocket** to **ToolAxClearanceHeight**, the TNC positions the tool after the end of the cycle only in the tool axis direction to the clearance height. The TNC does not position the tool in the working plane.

- ▶ After the end of the cycle, position the tool with all coordinates of the working plane, e.g. **L X+80 Y+0 R0 FMAX**
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute position (not an incremental traversing movement)

**Cycle parameters**

- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while plunging. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO, fu, FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO, fu, FZ**
- ▶ **Q208 Feed rate for retraction?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when retracting after the machining operation. If you enter **Q208 = 0**, the TNC retracts the tool at the feed rate **Q12**. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **fmax,FAUTO**

**NC blocks**

**60 CYCL DEF 23 FLOOR FINISHING**

**Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG**

**Q12=350 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG**

**Q208=9999 ;RETRACTION FEED RATE**

## 7.8 SIDE FINISHING (Cycle 24, DIN/ISO: G124, software option 19)

### Cycle run

With Cycle 24 SIDE FINISHING, you can clear the finishing allowance for side that is programmed in Cycle 20. You can run this cycle in climb or up-cut milling.

Before calling Cycle 24 you need to program further cycles:

- Cycle 14 CONTOUR or SEL CONTOUR
- Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA
- Cycle 21 PILOT DRILLING, if necessary
- Cycle 22 ROUGHING, if necessary

### Cycle run

- 1 The TNC positions the tool above the workpiece surface to the starting point for the approach position. This position in the plane results from a tangential arc on which the TNC moves the tool when approaching the contour.
- 2 The tool then advances to the first plunging depth at the feed rate for plunging.
- 3 The contour is approached on a tangential arc until the entire contour is completed. Each subcontour is finished separately.
- 4 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height or to the position last programmed before the cycle. This depends on the parameter ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, posAfterContPocket.

**Please note while programming:**

The sum of allowance for side (Q14) and the radius of the finish mill must be smaller than the sum of allowance for side (Q3, Cycle 20) and the radius of the rough mill.

If no allowance has been defined in Cycle 20, the control issues the error message "Tool radius too large".

The allowance for side Q14 is left over after finishing. Therefore, it must be smaller than the allowance in Cycle 20.

This calculation also holds if you run Cycle 24 without having roughed out with Cycle 22; in this case, enter "0" for the radius of the rough mill.

You can use Cycle 24 also for contour milling. Then you must:

- define the contour to be milled as a single island (without pocket limit), and
- enter the finishing allowance (Q3) in Cycle 20 to be greater than the sum of the finishing allowance Q14 + radius of the tool being used

The TNC automatically calculates the starting point for finishing. The starting point depends on the available space in the pocket and the allowance programmed in Cycle 20.

The starting point calculated by the TNC also depends on the machining sequence. If you select the finishing cycle with the GOTO key and then start the program, the starting point can be at a different location from where it would be if you execute the program in the defined sequence.

If **M110** is activated during operation, the feed rate of compensated circular arcs within will be reduced accordingly.

## NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

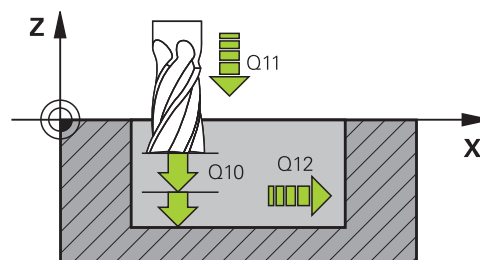
If you set the parameter **posAfterContPocket** to **ToolAxClearanceHeight**, the TNC positions the tool after the end of the cycle only in the tool axis direction to the clearance height. The TNC does not position the tool in the working plane.

- ▶ After the end of the cycle, position the tool with all coordinates of the working plane, e.g. **L X+80 Y+0 R0 FMAX**
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute position (not an incremental traversing movement)

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q9 Direction of rotation?** cw = -1: Machining direction:  
 +1: Rotation counterclockwise  
 -1: Rotation clockwise
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while plunging. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q14 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): The allowance for side Q14 is left over after finishing. (This allowance must be smaller than the allowance in Cycle 20.) Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

61 CYCL DEF 24 SIDE FINISHING	
Q9=+1	;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION
Q10=+5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q14=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE

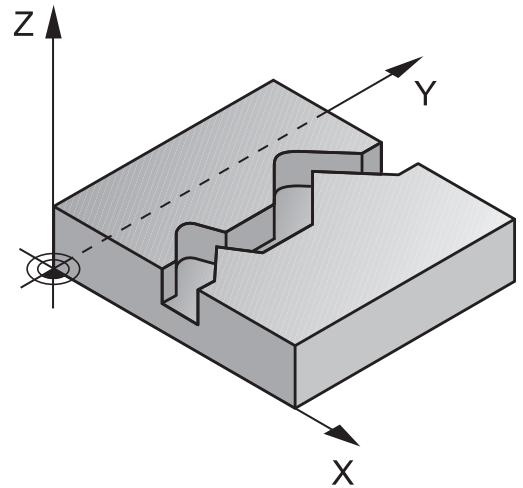
## 7.9 CONTOUR TRAIN (Cycle 25, DIN/ISO: G125, software option 19)

### Cycle run

In conjunction with Cycle 14 CONTOUR, this cycle facilitates the machining of open and closed contours.

Cycle 25 CONTOUR TRAIN offers considerable advantages over machining a contour using positioning blocks:

- The TNC monitors the operation to prevent undercuts and surface blemishes. It is recommended that you run a graphic simulation of the contour before execution.
- If the radius of the selected tool is too large, the corners of the contour may have to be reworked.
- The contour can be machined throughout by up-cut or by climb milling. The type of milling even remains effective when the contours are mirrored.
- The tool can traverse back and forth for milling in several infeeds: This results in faster machining.
- Allowance values can be entered in order to perform repeated rough-milling and finish-milling operations.



**Please note while programming:**

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

The TNC takes only the first label of Cycle 14 CONTOUR into account.

The sub program allows no **APPR** or **DEP** motions.

When you use local **QL** Q parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.

The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle is limited. You can program up to 16384 contour elements in one SL cycle.

Cycle 20 **CONTOUR DATA** is not required.

If **M110** is activated during operation, the feed rate of compensated circular arcs within will be reduced accordingly.

### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

If you set the parameter **posAfterContPocket** to **ToolAxClearanceHeight**, the TNC positions the tool after the end of the cycle only in the tool axis direction to the clearance height. The TNC does not position the tool in the working plane.

- ▶ After the end of the cycle, position the tool with all coordinates of the working plane, e.g. **L X+80 Y+0 R0 FMAX**
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute position (not an incremental traversing movement)

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and contour bottom. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q5 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Absolute coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q7 Clearance height?** (absolute): Absolute height at which the tool cannot collide with the workpiece (for intermediate positioning and retraction at the end of the cycle). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q15 Climb or up-cut? up-cut = -1:**  
 Climb milling: Input value = +1  
 Up-cut milling: Input value = -1  
 Climb milling and up-cut milling alternately in several infeeds: Input value = 0

## NC blocks

62 CYCL DEF 25 CONTOUR TRAIN	
Q1=-20	;MILLING DEPTH
Q3=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q5=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q7=+50	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q10=+5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q15=-1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q18=0	;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL
Q446=+0.01	;RESIDUAL MATERIAL
Q447=+10	;CONNECTION DISTANCE
Q448=+2	;PATH EXTENSION

- ▶ **Q18 Coarse roughing tool?** or **QS18**: Number or name of the tool with which the TNC has already coarse-roughed the contour. You are able to apply the coarse roughing tool via soft key directly from the tool table. In addition, you can enter the tool name via the soft key **tool name**. The TNC automatically inserts the closing quotation mark when you exit the input field. If there was no coarse roughing, enter "0"; if you enter a number or a name, the TNC will only rough-out the portion that could not be machined with the coarse roughing tool. If the portion that is to be roughed cannot be approached from the side, the TNC will mill in a reciprocating plunge-cut; for this purpose you must enter the tool length **LCUTS** in the tool table TOOL.T and define the maximum plunging **ANGLE** of the tool. The TNC will otherwise generate an error message. Input range 0 to 99999 if a number is entered; maximum 16 characters if a name is entered.
- ▶ **Q446 Accepted residual material?** Define to which value in mm you accept residual material on your contour. If you enter 0.01 mm for example, the TNC no longer performs machining of residual material from a residual material thickness of 0.01 mm. Input range 0.001 to 9.999
- ▶ **Q447 Maximum connection distance?** Maximum distance between two areas to be fine roughed. Within this distance the TNC traverses without a lifting movement along the contour at machining depth. Input range 0 to 999.999
- ▶ **Q448 Path extension?** Length by which the tool path is extended at the start and end of the contour. The TNC always extends the tool path parallel to the contour. Input range 0 to 99.999

## 7.10 THREE-D CONT. TRAIN (Cycle 276, DIN/ISO: G276, software option 19)

### Cycle run

This cycle in conjunction with Cycle 14 CONTOUR and Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA enables open and closed contours to be machined. You can also work with automatic residual material detection. This way you can subsequently complete e.g. inside corners with a smaller tool.

Cycle 276 THREE-D CONT. TRAIN also machines coordinates of the tool axis defined in the contour subprogram, in contrast to Cycle 25 CONTOUR TRAIN. This cycle can thus machine three-dimensional contours.

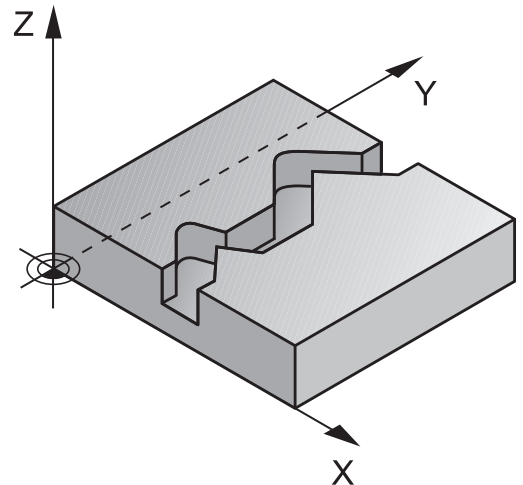
You should program Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA before Cycle 276 THREE-D CONT. TRAIN.

Machining a contour without infeed: Milling depth Q1=0

- 1 The tool traverses to the starting point for machining. This starting point results from the first contour point, the selected climb or up-cut and the parameters from the previously defined Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA, e.g. the type of approach. The TNC moves the tool to the first plunging depth
- 2 The TNC approaches the contour according to the previously defined Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA and then performs machining until the end of the contour
- 3 At the end of the contour the departure movement is performed as defined in Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA
- 4 Finally, the TNC retracts the tool to the clearance height.

Machining a contour with infeed: Milling depth Q1 not equal to 0 and plunging depth Q10 are defined

- 1 The tool traverses to the starting point for machining. This starting point results from the first contour point, the selected climb or up-cut and the parameters from the previously defined Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA, e.g. the type of approach. The TNC moves the tool to the first plunging depth
- 2 The TNC approaches the contour according to the previously defined Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA and then performs machining until the end of the contour
- 3 If machining in climb milling and up-cut milling is selected (Q15=0), the TNC performs a reciprocating movement. It executes the infeed motion at the end and at the starting point of the contour. If Q15 is not equal to 0, the TNC moves the tool to clearance height and returns it to the starting point of machining. From there it moves the tool to the next plunging depth
- 4 The departure movement is performed as defined in Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA
- 5 This process is repeated until the programmed depth is reached
- 6 Finally, the TNC retracts the tool to the clearance height



**Please note while programming:**

The first block in the contour subprogram must contain values in all of the three axes X, Y and Z.

If you program **APPR** and **DEP** blocks for approach and departure, the TNC monitors whether the execution of these blocks would damage the contour

The algebraic sign for the depth parameter determines the working direction. If you program depth = 0, the TNC executes the cycle using the tool axis coordinates defined in the contour subprogram.

If you use Cycle 25 CONTOUR TRAIN, you can only define one subprogram in Cycle CONTOUR.

It is recommended to use Cycle 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA in conjunction with Cycle 276. Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA is not required.

When you use local **QL** Q parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.

The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle is limited. You can program up to 16384 contour elements in one SL cycle.

If **M110** is activated during operation, the feed rate of compensated circular arcs within will be reduced accordingly.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If you set the parameter **posAfterContPocket** to **ToolAxClearanceHeight**, the TNC positions the tool after the end of the cycle only in the tool axis direction to the clearance height. The TNC does not position the tool in the working plane.

- ▶ After the end of the cycle, position the tool with all coordinates of the working plane, e.g. **L X+80 Y+0 R0 FMAX**
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute position (not an incremental traversing movement)

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

A collision may occur if you position the tool behind an obstacle before the cycle is called.

- ▶ Position the tool such that the TNC can approach the starting point of the contour without collision.
- ▶ If the position of the tool is below the clearance height when the cycle is called, the TNC issues an error message.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and contour bottom. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q7 Clearance height?** (absolute): Absolute height at which the tool cannot collide with the workpiece (for intermediate positioning and retraction at the end of the cycle). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q15 Climb or up-cut? up-cut = -1:**  
Climb milling: Input value = +1  
Up-cut milling: Input value = -1  
Climb milling and up-cut milling alternately in several infeeds: Input value = 0
- ▶ **Q18 Coarse roughing tool?** or **QS18**: Number or name of the tool with which the TNC has already coarse-roughed the contour. You are able to apply the coarse roughing tool via soft key directly from the tool table. In addition, you can enter the tool name via the soft key **tool name**. The TNC automatically inserts the closing quotation mark when you exit the input field. If there was no coarse roughing, enter "0"; if you enter a number or a name, the TNC will only rough-out the portion that could not be machined with the coarse roughing tool. If the portion that is to be roughed cannot be approached from the side, the TNC will mill in a reciprocating plunge-cut; for this purpose you must enter the tool length **LCUTS** in the tool table **TOOL.T** and define the maximum plunging **ANGLE** of the tool. The TNC will otherwise generate an error message. Input range 0 to 99999 if a number is entered; maximum 16 characters if a name is entered.

## NC blocks

62 CYCL DEF 276 THREE-D CONT. TRAIN	
Q1=-20	;MILLING DEPTH
Q3=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q7=+50	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q10=-5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=500	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q15=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q18=0	;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL
Q446=+0.01	;RESIDUAL MATERIAL
Q447=+10	;CONNECTION DISTANCE
Q448=+2	;PATH EXTENSION

- ▶ **Q446 Accepted residual material?** Define to which value in mm you accept residual material on your contour. If you enter 0.01 mm for example, the TNC no longer performs machining of residual material from a residual material thickness of 0.01 mm. Input range 0.001 to 9.999
- ▶ **Q447 Maximum connection distance?** Maximum distance between two areas to be fine roughed. Within this distance the TNC traverses without a lifting movement along the contour at machining depth. Input range 0 to 999.999
- ▶ **Q448 Path extension?** Length by which the tool path is extended at the start and end of the contour. The TNC always extends the tool path parallel to the contour. Input range 0 to 99.999

## 7.11 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA (Cycle 270, DIN/ISO: G270, software option 19)

### Please note while programming:

You can use this cycle to specify various properties of Cycle 25 CONTOUR TRAIN.



Cycle 270 is DEF active, which means that it becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the part program.

If Cycle 270 is used, do not define any radius compensation in the contour subprogram.

Define Cycle 270 before Cycle 25.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q390 Type of approach/departure?:** Definition of the type of approach or departure:  
 Q390=1:  
 Approach the contour tangentially on a circular arc  
 Q390=2:  
 Approach the contour tangentially on a straight line  
 Q390=3:  
 Approach the contour at a right angle
- ▶ **Q391 Radius comp. (0=R0/1=RL/2=RR)?:**  
 Definition of the radius compensation:  
 Q391=0:  
 Machine the defined contour without radius compensation  
 Q391=1:  
 Machine the defined contour with compensation to the left  
 Q391=2:  
 Machine the defined contour with compensation to the right
- ▶ **Q392 App. radius/dep. radius?:** Only in effect if tangential approach on a circular path was selected (Q390=1). Radius of the approach/departure arc. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q393 Center angle?:** Only in effect if tangential approach on a circular path was selected (Q390=1). Angular length of the approach arc. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q394 Distance from aux. point?:** Only in effect if tangential approach on a straight line or right-angle approach was selected (Q390=2 or Q390=3). Distance to the auxiliary point from which the TNC is to approach the contour. Input range 0 to 99999.9999

## NC blocks

62 CYCL DEF 270 CONTOUR TRAIN DATA	
Q390=1	;TYPE OF APPROACH
Q391=1	;RADIUS COMPENSATION
Q392=3	;RADIUS
Q393=+45	;CENTER ANGLE
Q394=+2	;DISTANCE

## 7.12 TROCHOIDAL SLOT (Cycle 275, DIN/ISO: G275, software option 19)

### Cycle run

In conjunction with Cycle 14 **CONTOUR**, this cycle facilitates the complete machining of open and closed slots or contour slots using trochoidal milling.

With trochoidal milling, large cutting depths and high cutting speeds are possible because the equally distributed cutting conditions prevent wear-increasing influences on the tool. When tool inserts are used the entire cutting length is exploited to increase the attainable chip volume per tooth. Moreover, trochoidal milling is easy on the machine mechanics.

Depending on the cycle parameters you select, the following machining alternatives are available:

- Complete machining: Roughing, side finishing
- Only roughing
- Only side finishing

### Roughing with closed slots

The contour description of a closed slot must always start with a straight-line block (**L** block).

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the tool moves to the starting point of the contour description and moves in a reciprocating motion at the plunging angle defined in the tool table to the first infeed depth. Specify the plunging strategy with parameter **Q366**.
- 2 The TNC roughs the slot in circular motions to the contour end point. During the circular motion the TNC moves the tool in machining direction by an infeed you can define (**Q436**). Define climb or up-cut of the circular motion in parameter **Q351**.
- 3 At the contour end point, the TNC moves the tool to clearance height and returns to the starting point of the contour description.
- 4 This process is repeated until the programmed slot depth is reached.

### Finishing with closed slots

- 5 Inasmuch as a finishing allowance is defined, the TNC finishes the slot walls, in multiple infeeds if so specified. Starting from the defined starting point, the TNC approaches the slot wall tangentially. Climb or up-cut are taken into consideration.

### Program structure: Machining with SL cycles

0 BEGIN PGM CYC275 MM
...
12 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR
13 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR LABEL 10
14 CYCL DEF 275 TROCHOIDAL SLOT...
15 CYCL CALL M3
...
50 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2
51 LBL 10
...
55 LBL 0
...
99 END PGM CYC275 MM

**Roughing with open slots**

The contour description of an open slot must always start with an approach block (**APPR**).

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the tool moves to the starting point of the machining operation as defined by the parameters in the **APPR** block and positions there perpendicular to the first plunging depth.
- 2 The TNC roughs the slot in circular motions to the contour end point. During the circular motion the TNC moves the tool in machining direction by an infeed you can define (**Q436**). Define climb or up-cut of the circular motion in parameter **Q351**.
- 3 At the contour end point, the TNC moves the tool to clearance height and returns to the starting point of the contour description.
- 4 This process is repeated until the programmed slot depth is reached.

**Finishing with open slots**

- 5 Inasmuch as a finishing allowance is defined, the TNC finishes the slot walls, in multiple infeeds if so specified. Starting from the defined starting point of the **APPR** block, the TNC approaches the slot wall. Climb or up-cut are taken into consideration.

**Please note while programming:**

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

When using Cycle 275 TROCHOIDAL SLOT, you can define only one contour subprogram in Cycle 14 CONTOUR.

Define the center line of the slot with all available path functions in the contour subprogram.

The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle is limited. You can program up to 16384 contour elements in one SL cycle.

The TNC does not need Cycle 20 CONTOUR DATA in conjunction with Cycle 275.

The starting point of a closed slot must not be located in a contour corner.

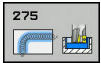
### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

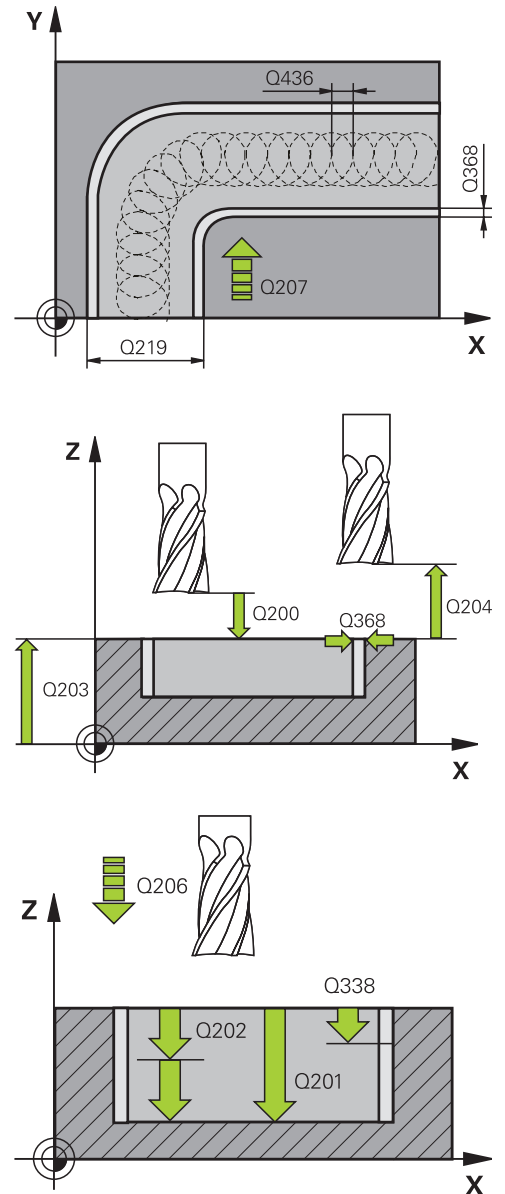
If you set the parameter **posAfterContPocket** to **ToolAxClearanceHeight**, the TNC positions the tool after the end of the cycle only in the tool axis direction to the clearance height. The TNC does not position the tool in the working plane.

- ▶ After the end of the cycle, position the tool with all coordinates of the working plane, e.g. **L X+80 Y+0 R0 FMAX**
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute position (not an incremental traversing movement)

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q215 Machining operation (0/1/2)?**: Define machining operation:  
**0**: Roughing and finishing  
**1**: Only roughing  
**2**: Only finishing  
 Side finishing and floor finishing are only machined when the specific allowance (Q368, Q369) is defined
- ▶ **Q219 Width of slot?** (value parallel to the secondary axis of the working plane): Enter the slot width. If you enter a slot width that equals the tool diameter, the TNC will carry out the roughing process only (slot milling). Maximum slot width for roughing: Twice the tool diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q368 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the machining plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q436 Feed per revolution?** (absolute): Value by which the TNC moves the tool in the machining direction per revolution. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?**: Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q351 Direction? Climb=+1, Up-cut=-1**: Type of milling operation with M3:  
**+1** = Climb  
**-1** = Up-cut  
**PREDEF**: The TNC uses the value from the GLOBAL DEF block (if you enter 0, climb milling is performed)
- ▶ **Q201 Depth?** (incremental): Distance between workpiece surface and bottom of slot. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



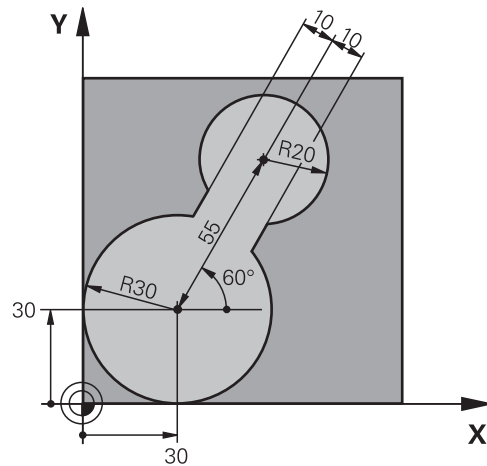
- ▶ **Q202 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut; enter a value greater than 0. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while moving to depth. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **FU**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q338 Infeed for finishing?** (incremental): Infeed in the spindle axis per finishing cut. Q338=0: Finishing in one infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?**: Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during side and floor finishing. Input range 0 to 99999.999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q366 Plunging strategy (0/1/2)?**: Type of plunging strategy:  
**0** = Vertical plunging. The TNC plunges perpendicularly, regardless of the plunging angle **ANGLE** defined in the tool table  
**1** = No function  
**2** = reciprocating plunge. In the tool table, the plunging angle **ANGLE** for the active tool must be defined as not equal to 0. The TNC will otherwise display an error message  
Alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Finishing allowance for the floor. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q439 Feed rate reference (0-3)?**: Specify what the programmed feed rate refers to:  
**0**: Feed rate with respect to the tool center point path  
**1**: Feed rate with respect to the tool edge, but only during side finishing, otherwise with respect to the tool center point path  
**2**: Feed rate refers to the tool cutting edge during side finishing **and** floor finishing; otherwise it refers to the tool path center  
**3**: Feed rate always refers to the cutting edge

**NC blocks**

8 CYCL DEF 275 TROCHOIDAL SLOT	
Q215=0	;MACHINING OPERATION
Q219=12	;SLOT WIDTH
Q368=0.2	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q436=2	;INFEEED PER REV.
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q351=+1	;CLIMB OR UP-CUT
Q201=-20	;DEPTH
Q202=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q338=5	;INFEEED FOR FINISHING
Q385=500	;FINISHING FEED RATE
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+0	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q366=2	;PLUNGE
Q369=0	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR
Q439=0	;FEED RATE REFERENCE
9 CYCL CALL FMAX M3	

## 7.13 Programming Examples

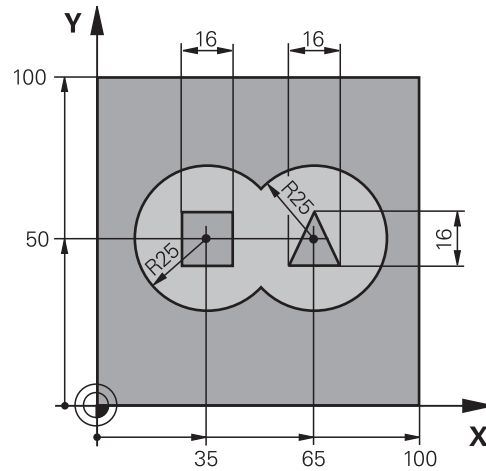
### Example: Roughing-out and fine-roughing a pocket



0 BEGIN PGM C20 MM	
1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X-10 Y-10 Z-40	
2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0	Definition of workpiece blank
3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S2500	Tool call: coarse roughing tool, diameter 30
4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
5 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR	Define contour subprogram
6 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR LABEL 1	
7 CYCL DEF 20 CONTOUR DATA	Define general machining parameters
Q1=-20 ;MILLING DEPTH	
Q2=1 ;TOOL PATH OVERLAP	
Q3=+0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q4=+0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR	
Q5=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q6=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q7=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	
Q8=0.1 ;ROUNDING RADIUS	
Q9=-1 ;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION	
8 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGH-OUT	Cycle definition: Coarse roughing
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=350 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q18=0 ;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL	
Q19=150 ;FEED RATE FOR RECIP.	
Q208=30000 ;RETRACTION FEED RATE	
9 CYCL CALL M3	Cycle call: Coarse roughing
10 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M6	Tool change

11 TOOL CALL 2 Z S3000	Tool call: fine roughing tool, diameter 15
12 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGH-OUT	Define the fine roughing cycle
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=350 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q18=1 ;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL	
Q19=150 ;FEED RATE FOR RECIP.	
Q208=30000 ;RETRACTION FEED RATE	
13 CYCL CALL M3	Cycle call: Fine roughing
14 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2	Retract in the tool axis, end program
15 LBL 1	Contour subprogram
16 L X+0 Y+30 RR	
17 FC DR- R30 CCX+30 CCY+30	
18 FL AN+60 PDX+30 PDY+30 D10	
19 FSELECT 3	
20 FPOL X+30 Y+30	
21 FC DR- R20 CCPR+55 CCPA+60	
22 FSELECT 2	
23 FL AN-120 PDX+30 PDY+30 D10	
24 FSELECT 3	
25 FC X+0 DR- R30 CCX+30 CCY+30	
26 FSELECT 2	
27 LBL 0	
28 END PGM C20 MM	

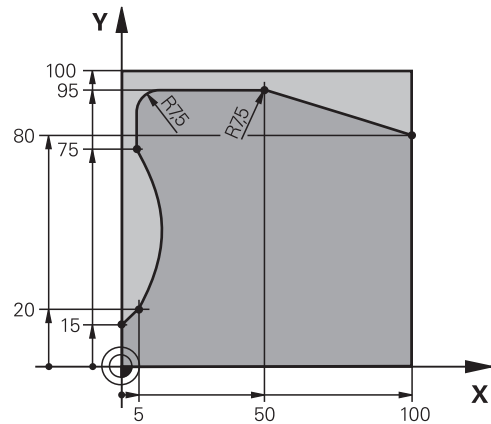
### Example: Pilot drilling, roughing-out and finishing overlapping contours



<b>0 BEGIN PGM C21 MM</b>	
<b>1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-40</b>	Definition of workpiece blank
<b>2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0</b>	
<b>3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S2500</b>	Tool call: Drill, diameter 12
<b>4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool
<b>5 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR</b>	Define contour subprogram
<b>6 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR LABEL 1/2/3/4</b>	
<b>7 CYCL DEF 20 CONTOUR DATA</b>	Define general machining parameters
Q1=-20 ;MILLING DEPTH	
Q2=1 ;TOOL PATH OVERLAP	
Q3=+0.5 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q4=+0.5 ;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR	
Q5=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q6=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q7=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	
Q8=0.1 ;ROUNDING RADIUS	
Q9=-1 ;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION	
<b>8 CYCL DEF 21 PILOT DRILLING</b>	Cycle definition: Pilot drilling
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=250 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q13=2 ;ROUGH-OUT TOOL	
<b>9 CYCL CALL M3</b>	Cycle call: Pilot drilling
<b>10 L +250 R0 FMAX M6</b>	Tool change
<b>11 TOOL CALL 2 Z S3000</b>	Call the tool for roughing/finishing, diameter 12
<b>12 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGH-OUT</b>	Cycle definition: Rough-out
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	

Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q18=0	;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL	
Q19=150	;FEED RATE FOR RECIP.	
Q208=30000	;RETRACTION FEED RATE	
13 CYCL CALL M3		Cycle call: Rough-out
14 CYCL DEF 23 FLOOR FINISHING		Cycle definition: Floor finishing
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=200	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q208=30000	;RETRACTION FEED RATE	
15 CYCL CALL		Cycle call: Floor finishing
16 CYCL DEF 24 SIDE FINISHING		Cycle definition: Side finishing
Q9=+1	;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION	
Q10=5	;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=400	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q14=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
17 CYCL CALL		Cycle call: Side finishing
18 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2		Retract the tool, end program
19 LBL 1		Contour subprogram 1: left pocket
20 CC X+35 Y+50		
21 L X+10 Y+50 RR		
22 C X+10 DR-		
23 LBL 0		
24 LBL 2		Contour subprogram 2: right pocket
25 CC X+65 Y+50		
26 L X+90 Y+50 RR		
27 C X+90 DR-		
28 LBL 0		
29 LBL 3		Contour subprogram 3: square left island
30 L X+27 Y+50 RL		
31 L Y+58		
32 L X+43		
33 L Y+42		
34 L X+27		
35 LBL 0		
36 LBL 4		Contour subprogram 4: triangular right island
37 L X+65 Y+42 RL		
38 L X+57		
39 L X+65 Y+58		
40 L X+73 Y+42		
41 LBL 0		
42 END PGM C21 MM		

## Example: Contour train



0 BEGIN PGM C25 MM	
1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-40	Definition of workpiece blank
2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0	
3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S2000	Tool call: Diameter 20
4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
5 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR	Define contour subprogram
6 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR LABEL 1	
7 CYCL DEF 25 CONTOUR TRAIN	Define machining parameters
Q1=-20 ;MILLING DEPTH	
Q3=+0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q5=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q7=+250 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=200 ;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG	
Q15=+1 ;CLIMB OR UP-CUT	
8 CYCL CALL M3	Cycle call
9 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2	Retract the tool, end program
10 LBL 1	Contour subprogram
11 L X+0 Y+15 RL	
12 L X+5 Y+20	
13 CT X+5 Y+75	
14 L Y+95	
15 RND R7.5	
16 L X+50	
17 RND R7.5	
18 L X+100 Y+80	
19 LBL 0	
20 END PGM C25 MM	







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**Fixed Cycles:  
Cylindrical Surface**

## 8.1 Fundamentals

### Overview of cylindrical surface cycles

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## 8.2 CYLINDER SURFACE (Cycle 27, DIN/ISO: G127, software option 1)

### Cycle run

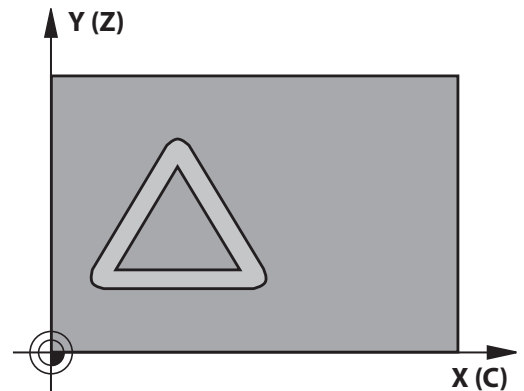
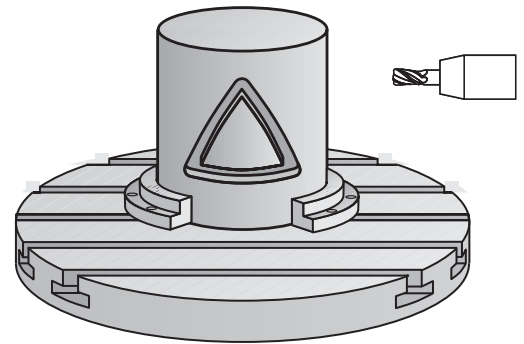
This cycle enables you to program a contour in two dimensions and then roll it onto a cylindrical surface for 3-D machining. Use Cycle 28 if you want to mill guideways on the cylinder.

The contour is described in a subprogram identified in Cycle 14 CONTOUR.

In the subprogram you always describe the contour with the coordinates X and Y, regardless of which rotary axes exist on your machine. This means that the contour description is independent of your machine configuration. The path functions **L**, **CHF**, **CR**, **RND** and **CT** are available.

The dimensions for the rotary axis (X coordinates) can be entered as desired either in degrees or in mm (or inches). Specify this with Q17 in the cycle definition.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool over the cutter infeed point, taking the allowance for side into account.
- 2 At the first plunging depth, the tool mills along the programmed contour at the milling feed rate Q12.
- 3 At the end of the contour, the TNC returns the tool to the set-up clearance and returns to the point of penetration.
- 4 Steps 1 to 3 are repeated until the programmed milling depth Q1 is reached.
- 5 Subsequently, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height.



**Please note while programming:**

Refer to your machine manual.

The machine and TNC must be prepared for cylinder surface interpolation by the machine tool builder.



In the first NC block of the contour program, always program both cylinder surface coordinates.

The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle is limited. You can program up to 16384 contour elements in one SL cycle.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

This cycle requires a center-cut end mill (ISO 1641).

The cylinder must be set up centered on the rotary table. Set the preset to the center of the rotary table.

The spindle axis must be perpendicular to the rotary table axis when the cycle is called. If this is not the case, the TNC will generate an error message. Switching of the kinematics may be required.

This cycle can also be used in a tilted working plane.

The set-up clearance must be greater than the tool radius.

The machining time can increase if the contour consists of many non-tangential contour elements.

When you use local **QL Q** parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between cylindrical surface and contour bottom. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the plane of the unrolled cylindrical surface. This allowance is effective in the direction of the radius compensation. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q6 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and cylindrical surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q16 Cylinder radius?:** Radius of the cylinder on which the contour is to be machined. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q17 Dimension type? deg=0 MM/INCH=1:** The dimensions for the rotary axis of the subprogram are given either in degrees or in mm/inches

## NC blocks

63 CYCL DEF 27 CYLINDER SURFACE	
Q1=-8	;MILLING DEPTH
Q3=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q6=+0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q10=+3	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q16=25	;RADIUS
Q17=0	;TYPE OF DIMENSION

### 8.3 CYLINDER SURFACE Slot milling (Cycle 28, DIN/ISO: G128, software option 1)

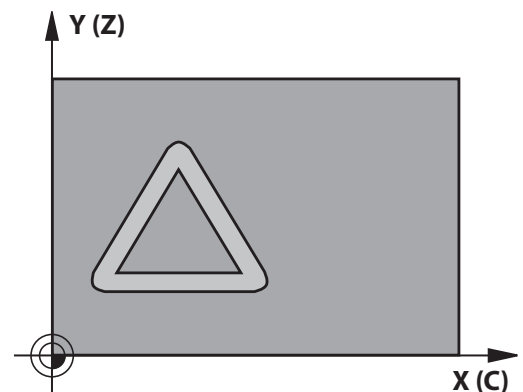
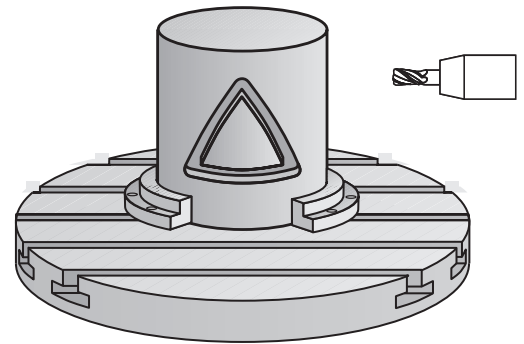
#### Cycle run

With this cycle you can program a guide notch in two dimensions and then transfer it onto a cylindrical surface. Unlike Cycle 27, with this cycle the TNC adjusts the tool so that, with radius compensation active, the walls of the slot are nearly parallel. You can machine exactly parallel walls by using a tool that is exactly as wide as the slot.

The smaller the tool is with respect to the slot width, the larger the distortion in circular arcs and oblique line segments. To minimize this process-related distortion, you can define the parameter Q21. This parameter specifies the tolerance with which the TNC machines a slot as similar as possible to a slot machined with a tool of the same width as the slot.

Program the midpoint path of the contour together with the tool radius compensation. With the radius compensation you specify whether the TNC cuts the slot with climb milling or up-cut milling.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool over the cutter infeed point.
- 2 The TNC moves the tool to the first plunging depth. The tool approaches the workpiece on a tangential path or on a straight line at the milling feed rate Q12. The approaching behavior depends on the parameter ConfigDatum CfgGeoCycle apprDepCylWall.
- 3 At the first plunging depth, the tool mills along the programmed slot wall at the milling feed rate Q12 while respecting the finishing allowance for the side.
- 4 At the end of the contour, the TNC moves the tool to the opposite wall and returns to the infeed point.
- 5 Steps 2 to 3 are repeated until the programmed milling depth Q1 is reached.
- 6 If you have defined the tolerance in Q21, the TNC then remachines the slot walls to be as parallel as possible.
- 7 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height.



### Please note while programming:



This cycle performs an inclined 5-axis machining operation. To run this cycle, the first machine axis below the machine table must be a rotary axis. In addition, it must be possible to position the tool perpendicular to the cylinder surface.



Define the approaching behavior in ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, apprDepCylWall

- CircleTangential:  
Tangential approach and departure
- LineNormal: The movement to the contour starting point is not performed on a tangential path, but on a straight line

In the first NC block of the contour program, always program both cylinder surface coordinates.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

This cycle requires a center-cut end mill (ISO 1641).

The cylinder must be set up centered on the rotary table. Set the preset to the center of the rotary table.

The spindle axis must be perpendicular to the rotary table axis when the cycle is called.

This cycle can also be used in a tilted working plane.

The set-up clearance must be greater than the tool radius.

The machining time can increase if the contour consists of many non-tangential contour elements.

When you use local **QL** Q parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If the spindle is not switched on when the cycle is called a collision may occur.

- ▶ Define whether the TNC issues an error message if the spindle is not switched on via the parameter displaySpindleErr, on/off.
- ▶ The function needs to be adapted by your machine manufacturer.

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

At the end, the TNC positions the tool back to the set-up clearance, or to the 2nd set-up clearance if one was programmed. The end position of the tool after the cycle must not match the starting position.

- ▶ Control the traversing movements of the machine
- ▶ In the simulation, control the end position of the tool after the cycle
- ▶ After the cycle, program the absolute (not incremental) coordinates

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between cylindrical surface and contour bottom. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance on the slot wall. The finishing allowance reduces the slot width by twice the entered value. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q6 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and cylindrical surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q16 Cylinder radius?:** Radius of the cylinder on which the contour is to be machined. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q17 Dimension type? deg=0 MM/INCH=1:** The dimensions for the rotary axis of the subprogram are given either in degrees or in mm/inches
- ▶ **Q20 Slot width?:** Width of the slot to be machined. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q21 Tolerance?:** If you use a tool smaller than the programmed slot width Q20, process-related distortion occurs on the slot wall wherever the slot follows the path of an arc or oblique line. If you define the tolerance Q21, the TNC adds a subsequent milling operation to ensure that the slot dimensions are as close as possible to those of a slot that has been milled with a tool exactly as wide as the slot. With Q21 you define the permitted deviation from this ideal slot. The number of subsequent milling operations depends on the cylinder radius, the tool used, and the slot depth. The smaller the tolerance is defined, the more exact the slot is and the longer the remachining takes. Input range for tolerance 0.0001 to 9.9999

**Recommendation:** Use a tolerance of 0.02 mm.

**Function inactive:** Enter 0 (default setting).

## NC blocks

63 CYCL DEF 28 CYLINDER SURFACE	
Q1=-8	;MILLING DEPTH
Q3=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q6=+0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q10=+3	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q16=25	;RADIUS
Q17=0	;TYPE OF DIMENSION
Q20=12	;SLOT WIDTH
Q21=0	;TOLERANCE

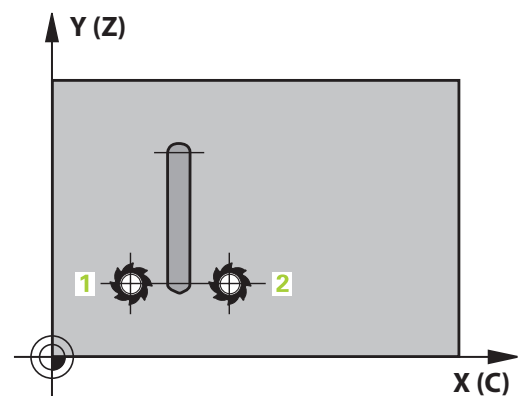
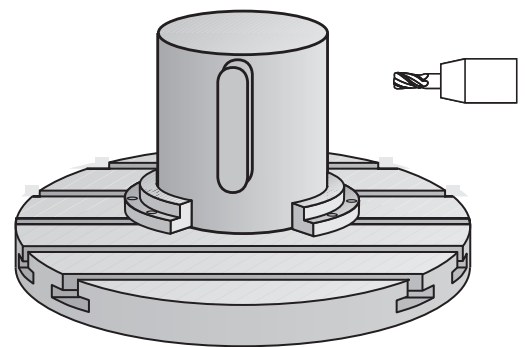
## 8.4 CYLINDER SURFACE Ridge milling (Cycle 29, DIN/ISO: G129, software option 1)

### Cycle run

This cycle enables you to program a ridge in two dimensions and then transfer it onto a cylindrical surface. With this cycle the TNC adjusts the tool so that, with radius compensation active, the walls of the slot are always parallel. Program the midpoint path of the ridge together with the tool radius compensation. With the radius compensation you specify whether the TNC cuts the ridge with climb milling or up-cut milling.

At the ends of the ridge the TNC always adds a semicircle whose radius is half the ridge width.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool over the starting point of machining. The TNC calculates the starting point from the ridge width and the tool diameter. It is located next to the first point defined in the contour subprogram, offset by half the ridge width and the tool diameter. The radius compensation determines whether machining begins from the left (**1**, RL = climb milling) or the right of the ridge (**2**, RR = up-cut milling).
- 2 After the TNC has positioned to the first plunging depth, the tool moves on a circular arc at the milling feed rate Q12 tangentially to the ridge wall. If so programmed, it will leave metal for the finishing allowance.
- 3 At the first plunging depth, the tool mills along the programmed ridge wall at the milling feed rate Q12 until the stud is completed.
- 4 The tool then departs the ridge wall on a tangential path and returns to the starting point of machining.
- 5 Steps 2 to 4 are repeated until the programmed milling depth Q1 is reached.
- 6 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height.



**Please note while programming:**



This cycle performs an inclined 5-axis machining operation. To run this cycle, the first machine axis below the machine table must be a rotary axis. In addition, it must be possible to position the tool perpendicular to the cylinder surface.



In the first NC block of the contour program, always program both cylinder surface coordinates.  
The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.  
This cycle requires a center-cut end mill (ISO 1641).  
The cylinder must be set up centered on the rotary table. Set the preset to the center of the rotary table.  
The spindle axis must be perpendicular to the rotary table axis when the cycle is called. If this is not the case, the TNC will generate an error message. Switching of the kinematics may be required.  
The set-up clearance must be greater than the tool radius.  
When you use local **QL** Q parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.  
In the parameter CfgGeoCycle, displaySpindleErr, on/off, define whether the TNC should output an error message (on) or not (off) if spindle rotation is not active when the cycle is called. The function needs to be adapted by your machine manufacturer.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between cylindrical surface and contour bottom. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance on the ridge wall. The finishing allowance increases the ridge width by twice the entered value. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q6 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and cylindrical surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q16 Cylinder radius?:** Radius of the cylinder on which the contour is to be machined. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q17 Dimension type? deg=0 MM/INCH=1:** The dimensions for the rotary axis of the subprogram are given either in degrees or in mm/inches
- ▶ **Q20 Ridge width?:** Width of the ridge to be machined. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

## NC blocks

63 CYCL DEF 29 CYL SURFACE RIDGE	
Q1=-8	;MILLING DEPTH
Q3=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q6=+0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q10=+3	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q16=25	;RADIUS
Q17=0	;TYPE OF DIMENSION
Q20=12	;RIDGE WIDTH

## 8.5 CYLINDER SURFACE (Cycle 39, DIN/ISO: G139, software option 1)

### Cycle run

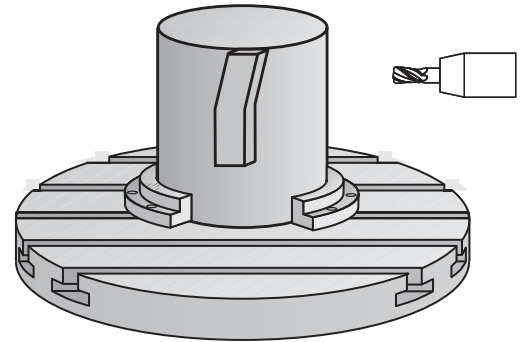
This cycle enables you to machine a contour on a cylindrical surface. The contour to be machined is programmed on the unrolled surface of the cylinder. With this cycle the TNC adjusts the tool so that, with radius compensation active, the wall of the open contour is always parallel to the cylinder axis.

The contour is described in a subprogram identified in Cycle 14 CONTOUR.

In the subprogram you always describe the contour with the coordinates X and Y, regardless of which rotary axes exist on your machine. This means that the contour description is independent of your machine configuration. The path functions **L**, **CHF**, **CR**, **RND** and **CT** are available.

Unlike Cycles 28 and 29, in the contour subprogram you define the actual contour to be machined.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool over the starting point of machining. The TNC locates the starting point next to the first point defined in the contour subprogram, offset by the tool diameter.
- 2 The TNC then moves the tool to the first plunging depth. The tool approaches the workpiece on a tangential path or on a straight line at the milling feed rate Q12. A finishing allowance programmed for the side is taken into account. (The approaching behavior depends on the parameter ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, apprDepCylWall.)
- 3 At the first plunging depth, the tool mills along the programmed contour at the milling feed rate Q12 until the contour train is completed.
- 4 The tool then departs the ridge wall on a tangential path and returns to the starting point of machining.
- 5 Steps 2 to 4 are repeated until the programmed milling depth Q1 is reached.
- 6 Finally, the tool retracts in the tool axis to the clearance height.



**Please note while programming:**

This cycle performs an inclined 5-axis machining operation. To run this cycle, the first machine axis below the machine table must be a rotary axis. In addition, it must be possible to position the tool perpendicular to the cylinder surface.



In the first NC block of the contour program, always program both cylinder surface coordinates.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

Ensure that the tool has enough space laterally for contour approach and departure.

The cylinder must be set up centered on the rotary table. Set the preset to the center of the rotary table.

The spindle axis must be perpendicular to the rotary table axis when the cycle is called.

The set-up clearance must be greater than the tool radius.

The machining time can increase if the contour consists of many non-tangential contour elements.

When you use local **QL** Q parameters in a contour subprogram you must also assign or calculate these in the contour subprogram.

Define the approaching behavior in ConfigDatum, CfgGeoCycle, apprDepCylWall

- CircleTangential:  
Tangential approach and departure
- LineNormal: The movement to the contour starting point is not performed on a tangential path, but on a straight line

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If the spindle is not switched on when the cycle is called a collision may occur.

- ▶ Define whether the TNC issues an error message if the spindle is not switched on via the parameter displaySpindleErr, on/off.
- ▶ The function needs to be adapted by your machine manufacturer.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q1 Milling depth?** (incremental): Distance between cylindrical surface and contour bottom. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q3 Finishing allowance for side?** (incremental): Finishing allowance in the plane of the unrolled cylindrical surface. This allowance is effective in the direction of the radius compensation. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q6 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and cylindrical surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q10 Plunging depth?** (incremental): Infeed per cut. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q11 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the spindle axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q12 Feed rate for roughing?:** Traversing speed of the tool in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q16 Cylinder radius?:** Radius of the cylinder on which the contour is to be machined. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q17 Dimension type? deg=0 MM/INCH=1:** The dimensions for the rotary axis of the subprogram are given either in degrees or in mm/inches

## NC blocks

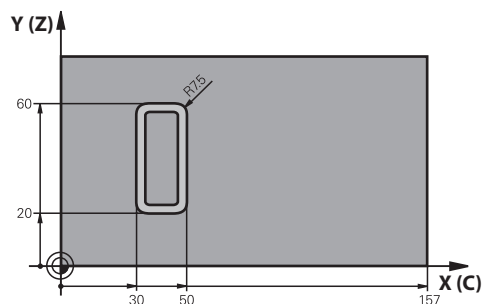
63 CYCL DEF 39 CYL. SURFACE CONTOUR	
Q1=-8	;MILLING DEPTH
Q3=+0	;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE
Q6=+0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q10=+3	;PLUNGING DEPTH
Q11=100	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q12=350	;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG
Q16=25	;RADIUS
Q17=0	;TYPE OF DIMENSION

## 8.6 Programming Examples

### Example: Cylinder surface with Cycle 27



- Machine with B head and C table
- Cylinder centered on rotary table
- Preset is on the underside, in the center of the rotary table



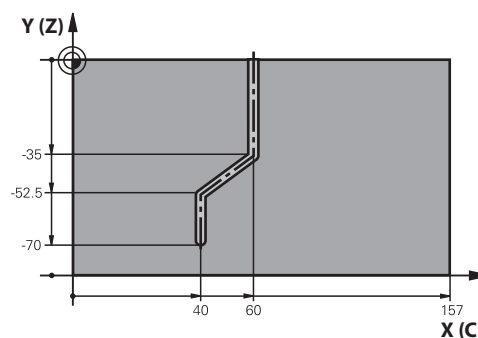
0 BEGIN PGM C27 MM	
1 TOOL CALL 1 Z S2000	Tool call: Diameter 7
2 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
3 L X+50 Y0 R0 FMAX	Pre-position tool at rotary table center
4 PLANE SPATIAL SPA+0 SPB+90 SPC+0 TURN MBMAX FMAX	Positioning
5 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR	Define contour subprogram
6 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR LABEL 1	
7 CYCL DEF 27 CYLINDER SURFACE	Define machining parameters
Q1=-7 ;MILLING DEPTH	
Q3=+0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q6=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q10=4 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=250 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q16=25 ;RADIUS	
Q17=1 ;TYPE OF DIMENSION	
8 L C+0 R0 FMAX M13 M99	Pre-position rotary table, spindle ON, call the cycle
9 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
10 PLANE RESET TURN FMAX	Tilt back, cancel the PLANE function
11 M2	End of program
12 LBL 1	Contour subprogram
13 L X+40 Y+20 RL	Data for the rotary axis are entered in mm (Q17=1)
14 L X+50	
15 RND R7.5	
16 L Y+60	
17 RN R7.5	
18 L IX-20	
19 RND R7.5	

20 L Y+20	
21 RND R7.5	
22 L X+40 Y+20	
23 LBL 0	
24 END PGM C27 MM	

### Example: Cylinder surface with Cycle 28



- Cylinder centered on rotary table
- Machine with B head and C table
- Preset at center of rotary table
- Description of the midpoint path in the contour subprogram



<b>0 BEGIN PGM C28 MM</b>	
<b>1 TOOL CALL 1 Z S2000</b>	Tool call, tool axis Z, diameter 7
<b>2 L Z+250 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool
<b>3 L X+50 Y+0 R0 FMAX</b>	Position tool at rotary table center
<b>4 PLANE SPATIAL SPA+0 SPB+90 SPC+0 TURN FMAX</b>	Tilting
<b>5 CYCL DEF 14.0 CONTOUR</b>	Define contour subprogram
<b>6 CYCL DEF 14.1 CONTOUR LABEL 1</b>	
<b>7 CYCL DEF 28 CYLINDER SURFACE</b>	Define machining parameters
Q1=-7 ;MILLING DEPTH	
Q3=+0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q6=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q10=-4 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=250 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q16=25 ;RADIUS	
Q17=1 ;TYPE OF DIMENSION	
Q20=10 ;SLOT WIDTH	
Q21=0.02 ;TOLERANCE	Remachining active
<b>8 L C+0 R0 FMAX M3 M99</b>	Pre-position rotary table, spindle ON, call the cycle
<b>9 L Z+250 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool
<b>10 PLANE RESET TURN FMAX</b>	Tilt back, cancel the PLANE function
<b>11 M2</b>	End of program
<b>12 LBL 1</b>	Contour subprogram, description of the midpoint path
<b>13 L X+60 Y+0 RL</b>	Data for the rotary axis are entered in mm (Q17=1)
<b>14 L Y-35</b>	
<b>15 L X+40 Y-52.5</b>	
<b>16 L Y-70</b>	
<b>17 LBL 0</b>	
<b>18 END PGM C28 MM</b>	

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**Fixed Cycles:  
Contour Pocket  
with Contour  
Formula**

## 9.1 SL cycles with complex contour formula

### Fundamentals

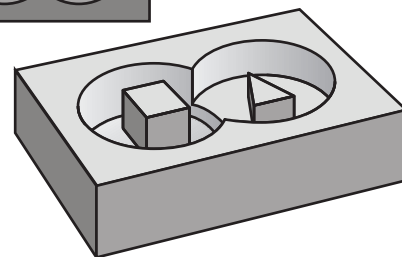
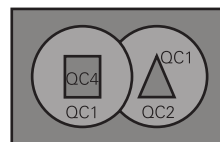
SL cycles and the complex contour formula enable you to form complex contours by combining subcontours (pockets or islands). You define the individual subcontours (geometry data) as separate programs. In this way, any subcontour can be used any number of times. The TNC calculates the complete contour from the selected subcontours, which you link together through a contour formula.



The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle (all contour description programs) is limited to **128 contours**. The number of possible contour elements depends on the type of contour (inside or outside contour) and the number of contour descriptions. You can program up to **16384** elements.

The SL cycles with contour formula presuppose a structured program layout and enable you to save frequently used contours in individual programs. Using the contour formula, you can connect the subcontours to a complete contour and define whether it applies to a pocket or island.

In its present form, the "SL cycles with contour formula" function requires input from several areas in the TNC's user interface. This function is to serve as a basis for further development.



### Program structure: Machining with SL cycles and complex contour formula

```
0 BEGIN PGM CONTOUR MM
```

```
...
```

```
5 SEL CONTOUR "MODEL"
```

```
6 CYCL DEF 20 CONTOUR DATA ...
```

```
8 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGHING ...
```

```
9 CYCL CALL
```

```
...
```

```
12 CYCL DEF 23 FLOOR FINISHING ...
```

```
13 CYCL CALL
```

```
...
```

```
16 CYCL DEF 24 SIDE FINISHING ...
```

```
17 CYCL CALL
```

```
63 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2
```

```
64 END PGM CONTOUR MM
```

**Properties of the subcontours**

- By default, the TNC assumes that the contour is a pocket. Do not program a radius compensation.
- The TNC ignores feed rates F and miscellaneous functions M.
- Coordinate transformations are allowed. If they are programmed within the subcontour they are also effective in the following subprograms, but they need not be reset after the cycle call.
- Although the subprograms can contain coordinates in the spindle axis, such coordinates are ignored.
- The working plane is defined in the first coordinate block of the subprogram.
- You can define subcontours with various depths as needed

**Characteristics of the fixed cycles**

- The TNC automatically positions the tool to the set-up clearance before a cycle.
- Each level of infeed depth is milled without interruptions since the cutter traverses around islands instead of over them.
- The radius of "inside corners" can be programmed—the tool keeps moving to prevent surface blemishes at inside corners (this applies to the outermost pass in the Rough-out and Side Finishing cycles).
- The contour is approached in a tangential arc for side finishing.
- For floor finishing, the tool again approaches the workpiece on a tangential arc (for spindle axis Z, for example, the arc may be in the Z/X plane).
- The contour is machined throughout in either climb or up-cut milling.

The machining data (such as milling depth, finishing allowance and set-up clearance) are entered as CONTOUR DATA in Cycle 20.

**Program structure: Calculation of the subcontours with contour formula**

```

0 BEGIN PGM MODEL MM
1 DECLARE CONTOUR QC1 = "CIRCLE1"
2 DECLARE CONTOUR QC2 =
  "CIRCLEXY" DEPTH15
3 DECLARE CONTOUR QC3 =
  "TRIANGLE" DEPTH10
4 DECLARE CONTOUR QC4 = "SQUARE"
  DEPTH5
5 QC10 = ( QC1 | QC3 | QC4 ) \ QC2
6 END PGM MODEL MM

```

```

0 BEGIN PGM CIRCLE1 MM
1 CC X+75 Y+50
2 LP PR+45 PA+0
3 CP IPA+360 DR+
4 END PGM CIRCLE1 MM

```




```

0 BEGIN PGM CIRCLE31XY MM
...
...

```

## Selecting a program with contour definitions

With the **SEL CONTOUR** function you select a program with contour definitions, from which the TNC takes the contour descriptions:




-  ▶ Show the soft-key row with special functions
-  ▶ Menu for functions: Press the soft key for contour and point machining
-  ▶ Press the **SEL CONTOUR** soft key.
- ▶ Enter the full name of the program with the contour definitions and confirm with the **END** key.



Program a **SEL CONTOUR** block before the SL cycles. Cycle **14 CONTOUR** is no longer necessary if you use **SEL CONTOUR**.

## Defining contour descriptions

With the **DECLARE CONTOUR** function you enter in a program the path for programs from which the TNC draws the contour descriptions. In addition, you can select a separate depth for this contour description (FCL 2 function):

-  ▶ Show the soft-key row with special functions
-  ▶ Menu for functions: Press the soft key for contour and point machining
-  ▶ Press the **DECLARE CONTOUR** soft key.
- ▶ Enter the number for the contour designator **QC**, and confirm with the **ENT** key
- ▶ Enter the full name of the program with the contour descriptions and confirm with the **END** key, or if desired,
- ▶ Define a separate depth for the selected contour



With the entered contour designators **QC** you can include the various contours in the contour formula. If you program separate depths for contours, then you must assign a depth to all subcontours (assign the depth 0 if necessary).

### Entering a complex contour formula







You can use soft keys to interlink various contours in a mathematical formula.

- SPEC  
FCT

► Show the soft-key row with special functions
- CONTOUR  
+ POINT  
MACHINING

► Menu for functions: Press the soft key for contour and point machining
- CONTOUR  
FORMULA

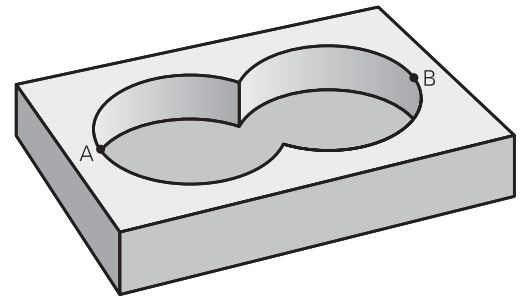
► Press the **CONTOUR FORMULA** soft key. The TNC then displays the following soft keys:

Soft key	Mathematical function
	<b>cut with</b> e.g. $QC10 = QC1 \ \& \ QC5$
	<b>joined with</b> e.g. $QC25 = QC7 \   \ QC18$
	<b>joined with, but without cut</b> e.g. $QC12 = QC5 \ ^ \ QC25$
	<b>without</b> e.g. $QC25 = QC1 \ \backslash \ QC2$
	<b>Parenthesis open</b> e.g. $QC12 = QC1 * (QC2 + QC3)$
	<b>Parenthesis closed</b> e.g. $QC12 = QC1 * (QC2 + QC3)$
	<b>Define single contour</b> e.g. $QC12 = QC1$

## Superimposed contours

By default, the TNC considers a programmed contour to be a pocket. With the functions of the contour formula, you can convert a contour from a pocket to an island.

Pockets and islands can be overlapped to form a new contour. You can thus enlarge the area of a pocket by another pocket or reduce it by an island.



### Subprograms: overlapping pockets



The following programming examples are contour description programs that are defined in a contour definition program. The contour definition program is called through the **SEL CONTOUR** function in the actual main program.

Pockets A and B overlap.

The TNC calculates the points of intersection S1 and S2 (they do not have to be programmed).

The pockets are programmed as full circles.

#### Contour description program 1: pocket A

```
0 BEGIN PGM POCKET_A MM
1 L X+10 Y+50 R0
2 CC X+35 Y+50
3 C X+10 Y+50 DR-
4 END PGM POCKET_A MM
```

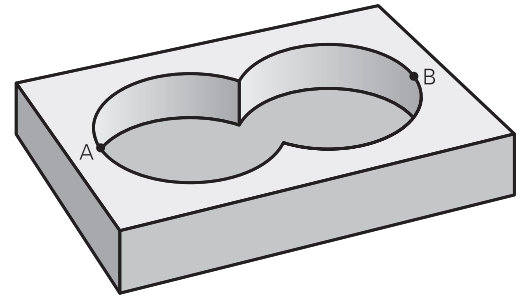
#### Contour description program 2: pocket B

```
0 BEGIN PGM POCKET_B MM
1 L X+90 Y+50 R0
2 CC X+65 Y+50
3 C X+90 Y+50 DR-
4 END PGM POCKET_A MM
```

**Area of inclusion**

Both areas A and B are to be machined, including the overlapping area:

- The areas A and B must be entered in separate programs without radius compensation.
- In the contour formula, the areas A and B are processed with the "joined with" function.

**Contour definition program:**

```

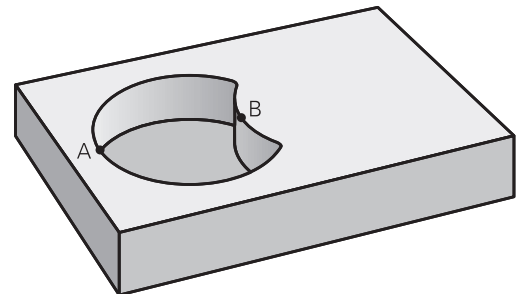
50 ...
51 ...
52 DECLARE CONTOUR QC1 = "POCKET_A.H"
53 DECLARE CONTOUR QC2 = "POCKET_B.H"
54 QC10 = QC1 | QC2
55 ...
56 ...

```

**Area of exclusion**

Area A is to be machined without the portion overlapped by B:

- The areas A and B must be entered in separate programs without radius compensation.
- In the contour formula, the area B is subtracted from the area A with the **without** function.

**Contour definition program:**

```

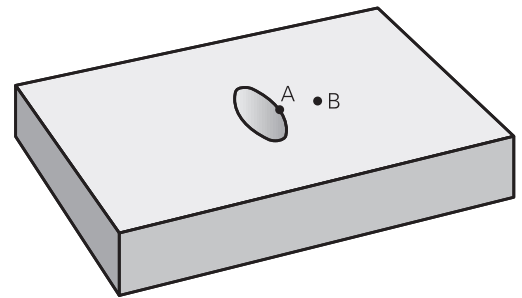
50 ...
51 ...
52 DECLARE CONTOUR QC1 = "POCKET_A.H"
53 DECLARE CONTOUR QC2 = "POCKET_B.H"
54 QC10 = QC1 \ QC2
55 ...
56 ...

```

**Area of intersection**

Only the area where A and B overlap is to be machined. (The areas covered by A or B alone are to be left unmachined.)

- The areas A and B must be entered in separate programs without radius compensation.
- In the contour formula, the areas A and B are processed with the "intersection with" function.

**Contour definition program:**

```

50 ...
51 ...
52 DECLARE CONTOUR QC1 = "POCKET_A.H"
53 DECLARE CONTOUR QC2 = "POCKET_B.H"
54 QC10 = QC1 & QC2
55 ...
56 ...

```

**Contour machining with SL Cycles**

The complete contour is machined with the SL Cycles 20 to 24 (See "Overview", page 210).

0 BEGIN PGM CONTOUR MM	
1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-40	Definition of workpiece blank
2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+100 Y+100 Z+0	
3 TOOL DEF 1 L+0 R+2.5	Tool definition of roughing cutter
4 TOOL DEF 2 L+0 R+3	Tool definition of finishing cutter
5 TOOL CALL 1 Z S2500	Tool call of roughing cutter
6 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
7 SEL CONTOUR “MODEL“	Specify contour definition program
8 CYCL DEF 20 CONTOUR DATA	Define general machining parameters
Q1=-20 ;MILLING DEPTH	
Q2=1 ;TOOL PATH OVERLAP	
Q3=+0.5 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
Q4=+0.5 ;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR	
Q5=+0 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q6=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q7=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	
Q8=0.1 ;ROUNDING RADIUS	
Q9=-1 ;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION	

<b>9 CYCL DEF 22 ROUGH-OUT</b>	Cycle definition: Rough-out
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=350 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q18=0 ;COARSE ROUGHING TOOL	
Q19=150 ;FEED RATE FOR RECIP.	
Q401=100 ;FEED RATE FACTOR	
Q404=0 ;FINE ROUGH STRATEGY	
<b>10 CYCL CALL M3</b>	Cycle call: Rough-out
<b>11 TOOL CALL 2 Z S5000</b>	Tool call of finishing cutter
<b>12 CYCL DEF 23 FLOOR FINISHING</b>	Cycle definition: Floor finishing
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=200 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
<b>13 CYCL CALL M3</b>	Cycle call: Floor finishing
<b>14 CYCL DEF 24 SIDE FINISHING</b>	Cycle definition: Side finishing
Q9=+1 ;ROTATIONAL DIRECTION	
Q10=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q11=100 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q12=400 ;FEED RATE F. ROUGHNG	
Q14=+0 ;ALLOWANCE FOR SIDE	
<b>15 CYCL CALL M3</b>	Cycle call: Side finishing
<b>16 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2</b>	Retract in the tool axis, end program
<b>17 END PGM CONTOUR MM</b>	

#### Contour definition program with contour formula:

<b>0 BEGIN PGM MODEL MM</b>	Contour definition program
<b>1 DECLARE CONTOUR QC1 = "CIRCLE1"</b>	Definition of the contour designator for the program "CIRCLE1"
<b>2 FN 0: Q1 =+35</b>	Assignment of values for parameters used in PGM "CIRCLE31XY"
<b>3 FN 0: Q2 =+50</b>	
<b>4 FN 0: Q3 =+25</b>	
<b>5 DECLARE CONTOUR QC2 = "CIRCLE31XY"</b>	Definition of the contour designator for the program "CIRCLE31XY"
<b>6 DECLARE CONTOUR QC3 = "TRIANGLE"</b>	Definition of the contour designator for the program "TRIANGLE"
<b>7 DECLARE CONTOUR QC4 = "SQUARE"</b>	Definition of the contour designator for the program "SQUARE"
<b>8 QC10 = ( QC 1   QC 2 ) \ QC 3 \ QC 4</b>	Contour formula
<b>9 END PGM MODEL MM</b>	

**Contour description programs:**

<b>0 BEGIN PGM CIRCLE1 MM</b>	Contour description program: circle at right
<b>1 CC X+65 Y+50</b>	
<b>2 L PR+25 PA+0 R0</b>	
<b>3 CP IPA+360 DR+</b>	
<b>4 END PGM CIRCLE1 MM</b>	
<b>0 BEGIN PGM CIRCLE31XY MM</b>	Contour description program: circle at left
<b>1 CC X+Q1 Y+Q2</b>	
<b>2 LP PR+Q3 PA+0 R0</b>	
<b>3 CP IPA+360 DR+</b>	
<b>4 END PGM CIRCLE31XY MM</b>	
<b>0 BEGIN PGM TRIANGLE MM</b>	Contour description program: triangle at right
<b>1 L X+73 Y+42 R0</b>	
<b>2 L X+65 Y+58</b>	
<b>3 L X+58 Y+42</b>	
<b>4 L X+73</b>	
<b>5 END PGM TRIANGLE MM</b>	
<b>0 BEGIN PGM SQUARE MM</b>	Contour description program: square at left
<b>1 L X+27 Y+58 R0</b>	
<b>2 L X+43</b>	
<b>3 L Y+42</b>	
<b>4 L X+27</b>	
<b>5 L Y+58</b>	
<b>6 END PGM SQUARE MM</b>	

## 9.2 SL cycles with simple contour formula

### Fundamentals

SL cycles and the simple contour formula enable you to form contours by combining up to 9 subcontours (pockets or islands) in a simple manner. You define the individual subcontours (geometry data) as separate programs. In this way, any subcontour can be used any number of times. The TNC calculates the contour from the selected subcontours.



The memory capacity for programming an SL cycle (all contour description programs) is limited to **128 contours**. The number of possible contour elements depends on the type of contour (inside or outside contour) and the number of contour descriptions. You can program up to **16384** elements.

### Program structure: Machining with SL cycles and complex contour formula

```

0 BEGIN PGM  CONTDEF MM
...
5 CONTOUR DEF  P1= "POCK1.H" I2 =
  "ISLE2.H" DEPTH5 I3 "ISLE3.H"
  DEPTH7.5
6 CYCL DEF 20  CONTOUR DATA ...
8 CYCL DEF 22  ROUGHING ...
9 CYCL CALL
...
12 CYCL DEF 23  FLOOR FINISHING ...
13 CYCL CALL
...
16 CYCL DEF 24  SIDE FINISHING ...
17 CYCL CALL
63 L  Z+250 R0  FMAX M2
64 END PGM  CONTDEF MM

```

**Properties of the subcontours**

- Do not program a radius compensation.
- The TNC ignores feed rates F and miscellaneous functions M.
- Coordinate transformations are allowed. If they are programmed within the subcontour they are also effective in the following subprograms, but they need not be reset after the cycle call.
- Although the subprograms can contain coordinates in the spindle axis, such coordinates are ignored.
- The working plane is defined in the first coordinate block of the subprogram.

**Characteristics of the fixed cycles**

- The TNC automatically positions the tool to the set-up clearance before a cycle.
- Each level of infeed depth is milled without interruptions since the cutter traverses around islands instead of over them.
- The radius of "inside corners" can be programmed—the tool keeps moving to prevent surface blemishes at inside corners (this applies to the outermost pass in the Rough-out and Side Finishing cycles).
- The contour is approached in a tangential arc for side finishing.
- For floor finishing, the tool again approaches the workpiece on a tangential arc (for spindle axis Z, for example, the arc may be in the Z/X plane).
- The contour is machined throughout in either climb or up-cut milling.

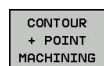
The machining data (such as milling depth, finishing allowance and set-up clearance) are entered as CONTOUR DATA in Cycle 20.

## Entering a simple contour formula

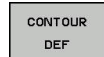
You can use soft keys to interlink various contours in a mathematical formula.



- Show the soft-key row with special functions



- Menu for functions: Press the soft key for contour and point machining



- Press the **CONTOUR DEF** soft key. The TNC opens the dialog for entering the contour formula
- Enter the name of the first subcontour. The first subcontour must always be the deepest pocket. Confirm with the **ENT** key.



- Specify via soft key whether the next subcontour is a pocket or an island. Confirm with the **ENT** key.
- Enter the name of the second subcontour. Confirm with the **ENT** key.
- If needed, enter the depth of the second subcontour. Confirm with the **ENT** key.
- Carry on with the dialog as described above until you have entered all subcontours.



Always start the list of subcontours with the deepest pocket!

If the contour is defined as an island, the TNC interprets the entered depth as the island height. The entered value (without an algebraic sign) then refers to the workpiece top surface!

If the depth is entered as 0, then for pockets the depth defined in the Cycle 20 is effective. Islands then rise up to the workpiece top surface!

## Contour machining with SL Cycles



The complete contour is machined with the SL Cycles 20 to 24 (See "Overview", page 210).








# 10

**Cycles: Coordinate  
Transformations**

## 10.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

Once a contour has been programmed, you can position it on the workpiece at various locations and in different sizes through the use of coordinate transformations. The TNC provides the following coordinate transformation cycles:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	7 DATUM SHIFT For shifting contours directly within the program or from datum tables	285
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### Effectiveness of coordinate transformations

Beginning of effect: A coordinate transformation becomes effective as soon as it is defined—it is not called separately. It remains in effect until it is changed or canceled.

#### Reset coordinate transformation:

- Define cycles for basic behavior with a new value, such as scaling factor 1.0
- Execute a miscellaneous function M2, M30, or an END PGM block (depending on machine parameter **clearMode**)
- Select a new program

## 10.2 DATUM SHIFT (Cycle 7, DIN/ISO: G54)

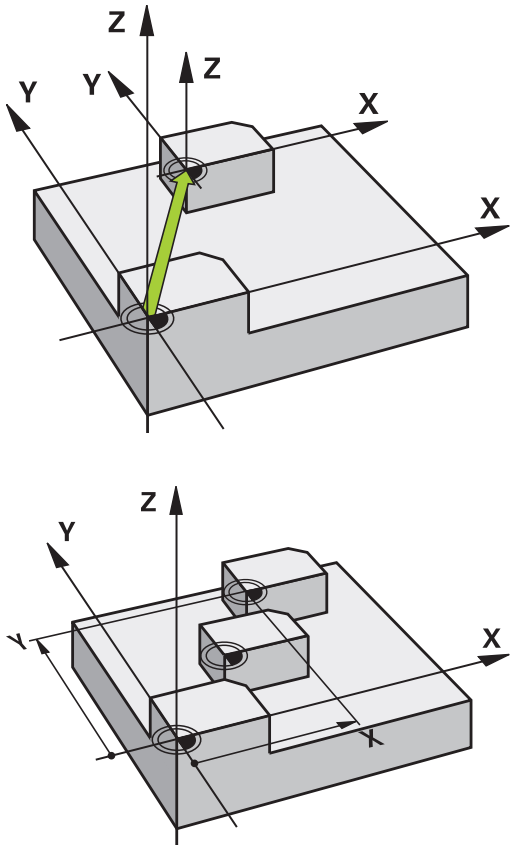
### Effect

A datum shift allows machining operations to be repeated at various locations on the workpiece.

When the datum shift cycle is defined, all coordinate data is based on the new datum. The TNC displays the datum shift in each axis in the additional status display. Input of rotary axes is also permitted.

### Resetting

- Program a datum shift to the coordinates X=0, Y=0 etc. directly with a cycle definition.
- Call a datum shift to the coordinates X=0; Y=0 etc. from a datum table.



### Cycle parameters



- **Displacement:** Enter the coordinates of the new datum. Absolute values are referenced to the workpiece datum, which is specified by presetting. Incremental values are always referenced to the datum which was last valid—this can be a datum which has already been shifted. Input range: Up to six NC axes, each from -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

### NC blocks

13 CYCL DEF 7.0 DATUM SHIFT
14 CYCL DEF 7.1 X+60
15 CYCL DEF 7.2 Y+40
16 CYCL DEF 7.3 Z-5

### Please note while programming

In the optional machine parameter **CfgDisplayCoordSys** (no. 127501) you can specify the coordinate system in which the status display shows an active datum shift.

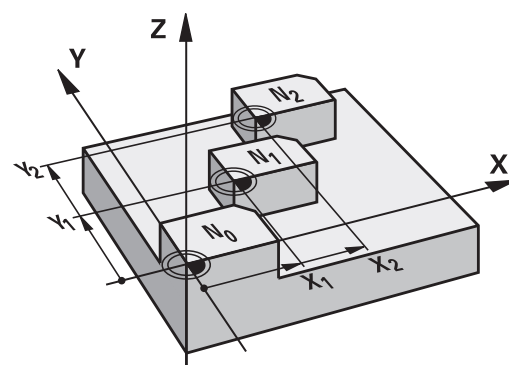
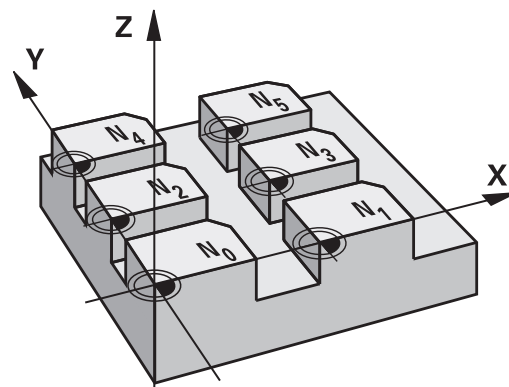
## 10.3 DATUM SHIFT with datum tables (Cycle 7, DIN/ISO: G53)

### Effect

Datum tables are used for:

- Frequently recurring machining sequences at various locations on the workpiece
- Frequent use of the same datum shift

Within a program, you can either program datum points directly in the cycle definition or call them from a datum table.



### Resetting

- Call a datum shift to the coordinates  $X=0$ ;  $Y=0$  etc. from a datum table.
- Execute a datum shift to the coordinates  $X=0$ ,  $Y=0$  etc. directly with a cycle definition

### Status displays

In the additional status display, the following data from the datum table are shown:

- Name and path of the active datum table
- Active datum number
- Comment from the DOC column of the active datum number

**Please note while programming:**

Datums from a datum table are **always and exclusively** referenced to the current preset.

If you are using datum shifts with datum tables, then use the **SEL TABLE** function to activate the desired datum table from the NC program.

In the optional machine parameter **CfgDisplayCoordSys** (no. 127501) you can specify the coordinate system in which the status display shows an active datum shift.

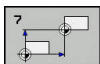
If you work without **SEL TABLE**, then you must activate the desired datum table before the test run or the program run. (This applies also to the programming graphics).

- Use the file management to select the desired table for a test run in the **Test Run** operating mode: The table receives the status S
- Use the file management to select the desired table for the program run in the **Program run, single block** and **Program run, full sequence** operating modes: The table receives the status M

The coordinate values from datum tables are only effective with absolute coordinate values.

New lines can only be inserted at the end of the table.

If you create datum tables, the file name has to start with a letter.

**Cycle parameters**

- **Displacement:** Enter the number of the datum from the datum table or a Q parameter. If you enter a Q parameter, the TNC activates the datum number entered in the Q parameter. Input range 0 to 9999

**NC blocks**

```
77 CYCL DEF 7.0 DATUM SHIFT
```

```
78 CYCL DEF 7.1 #5
```

## Selecting a datum table in the part program

With the **SEL TABLE** function you select the table from which the TNC takes the datums:

PGM  
CALL

- ▶ To select the functions for program call, press the **PGM CALL** key

DATUM  
TABLE

- ▶ Press the **DATUM TABLE** soft key
- ▶ Select the complete path name of the datum table or the file with the **SELECT** soft key and confirm your entry with the **END** key



Program a **SEL TABLE** block before Cycle 7 Datum Shift. A datum table selected with **SEL TABLE** remains active until you select another datum table with **SEL TABLE** or through **PGM MGT**.

## Editing the datum table in the Programming mode of operation















After you have changed a value in a datum table, you must save the change with the **ENT** key. Otherwise the change might not be included during program run.

Select the datum table in the mode of operation **Programming**

PGM  
MGT

- ▶ To call the file manager, press the **PGM MGT** key.
- ▶ Display the datum tables: Press the **SELECT TYPE** and **SHOW .D** soft keys
- ▶ Select the desired table or enter a new file name.
- ▶ Edit the file. The functions displayed in the soft-key row for editing include:

Soft key	Function
	Select beginning of table
	Select the table end
	Go to previous page
	Go to next page
	Insert line (only possible at the end of table)
	Delete line
	Find
	Go to beginning of line
	Go to end of line
	Copy the current value
	Insert the copied value
	Add the entered number of lines (datums) to the end of the table

## Configuring a datum table

If you do not wish to define a datum for an active axis, press the **DEL** key. Then the TNC clears the numerical value from the corresponding input field.



You can change the properties of tables. Enter the code number 555343 in the MOD menu. The TNC then offers the **EDIT FORMAT** soft key if a table is selected. When you press this soft key, the TNC opens a pop-up window where the properties are shown for each column of the selected table. Any changes made only affect the open table.

D	X	Y	Z	A	B	C
0	199.324	50.002	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1	200.524	50.007	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	300.881	49.998	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	400.994	50.001	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
13	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
17	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
19	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Leaving a datum table

Select a different type of file in file management and choose the desired file.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

The control considers changes in a datum table only when the values are saved.

- Confirm changes in the table immediately with the ENT key
- Carefully test the NC program after making a change to the datum table

## Status displays

In the additional status display, the TNC shows the values of the active datum shift.

## 10.4 PRESETTING (Cycle 247, DIN/ISO: G247)

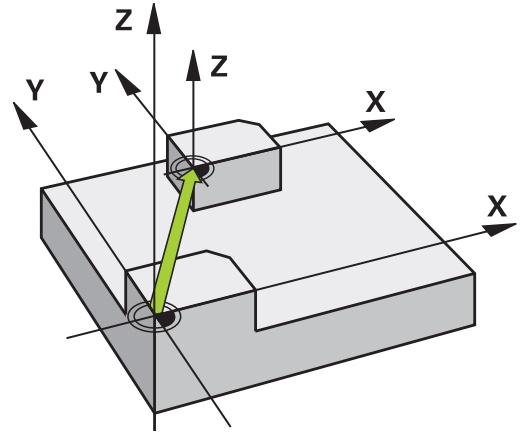
### Effect

With the presetting cycle you can activate as the new preset a preset defined in the preset table.

After a presetting cycle definition, all of the coordinate inputs and datum shifts (absolute and incremental) are referenced to the new preset.

### Status display

In the status display the TNC shows the active preset number behind the preset symbol.



### Please note before programming:



When activating a preset from the preset table, the TNC resets the datum shift, mirroring, rotation, scaling factor and axis-specific scaling factor.

If you activate preset number 0 (row 0), then you activate the preset that you last set in **Manual operation** or **Electronic handwheel** operating mode.

Cycle 247 is also effective in the Test Run mode of operation.

### Cycle parameters



- **Number for preset?:** Enter the number of the desired preset from the preset table. As an alternative, you can also select the desired preset directly from the preset table with **SELECT**. Input range 0 to 65535

### NC blocks

13 CYCL DEF 247 PRESETTING

Q339=4 ;PRESET NUMBER

### Status displays

In the additional status display (**STATUS POS.**) the TNC shows the active preset number behind the **Preset** dialog.

## 10.5 MIRRORING (Cycle 8, DIN/ISO: G28)

### Effect

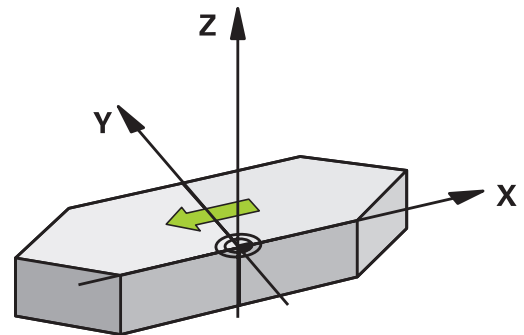
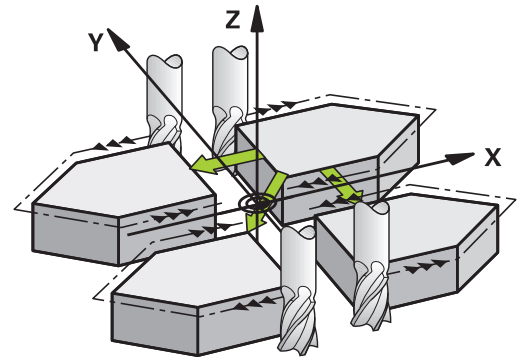
The TNC can machine the mirror image of a contour in the working plane.

The mirroring cycle becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the program. It is also effective in **Positioning w/ Manual Data Input** mode of operation. The active mirrored axes are shown in the additional status display.

- If you mirror only one axis, the machining direction of the tool is reversed (except in SL cycles).
- If you mirror two axes, the machining direction remains the same.

The result of the mirroring depends on the location of the datum:


- If the datum lies on the contour to be mirrored, the element simply flips over.
- If the datum lies outside the contour to be mirrored, the element also "jumps" to another location.



### Resetting

Program the MIRROR IMAGE cycle once again with **NO ENT**.

Please note while programming:



If you work in a tilted system with Cycle 8 the following procedure is recommended:

- **First** program the tilting movement and **then** call Cycle 8 MIRRORING!

Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Mirror image axis?:** Enter the axis to be mirrored. You can mirror all axes except for the spindle axis—including rotary axes—with the exception of the spindle axis and its associated auxiliary axis. You can enter up to three axes. Input range: Up to three NC axes **X, Y, Z, U, V, W, A, B, C**

NC blocks

79 CYCL DEF 8.0 MIRRORING
80 CYCL DEF 8.1 X Y Z

## 10.6 ROTATION (Cycle 10, DIN/ISO: G73)

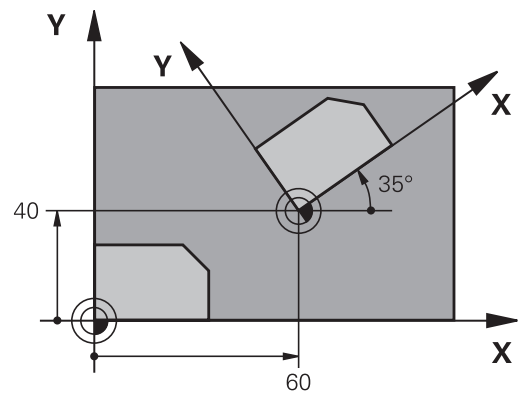
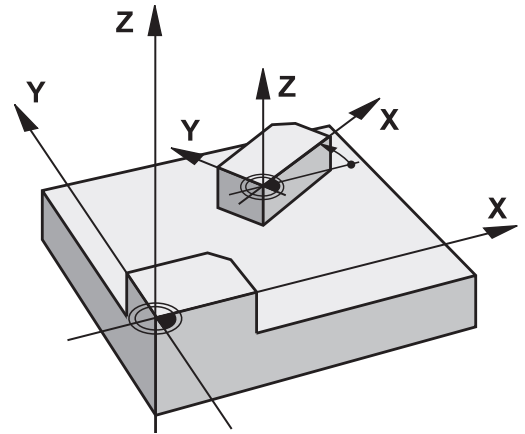
### Effect

The TNC can rotate the coordinate system about the active datum in the working plane within a program.

The ROTATION cycle becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the program. It is also effective in the Positioning with MDI mode of operation. The active rotation angle is shown in the additional status display.

### Reference axis for the rotation angle:

- X/Y plane: X axis
- Y/Z plane: Y axis
- Z/X plane: Z axis



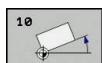
### Resetting

Program the ROTATION cycle once again with a rotation angle of 0°.

**Please note while programming:**

An active radius compensation is canceled by defining Cycle 10 and must therefore be reprogrammed, if necessary.

After defining Cycle 10, you must move both axes of the working plane to activate rotation for all axes.

**Cycle parameters**

- **Rotation:** Enter the rotation angle in degrees (°).  
Input range  $-360.000^{\circ}$  to  $+360.000^{\circ}$  (absolute or incremental)

**NC blocks**

12 CALL LBL 1
13 CYCL DEF 7.0 DATUM SHIFT
14 CYCL DEF 7.1 X+60
15 CYCL DEF 7.2 Y+40
16 CYCL DEF 10.0 ROTATION
17 CYCL DEF 10.1 ROT+35
18 CALL LBL 1

## 10.7 SCALING (Cycle 11, DIN/ISO: G72)

### Effect

The TNC can increase or reduce the size of contours within a program, enabling you to program shrinkage and oversize allowances.

The SCALING FACTOR becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the program. It is also effective in **Positioning w/ Manual Data Input** mode of operation. The active scaling factor is shown in the additional status display.

The scaling factor has an effect on

- all three coordinate axes at the same time
- dimensions in cycles

### Prerequisite

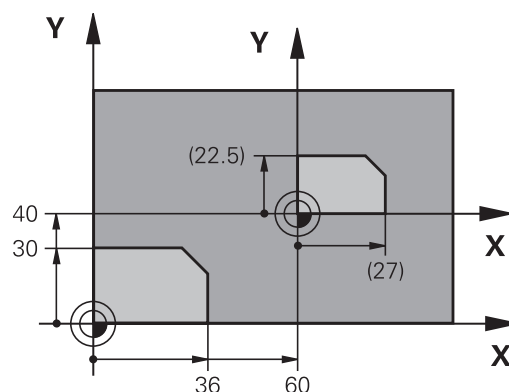
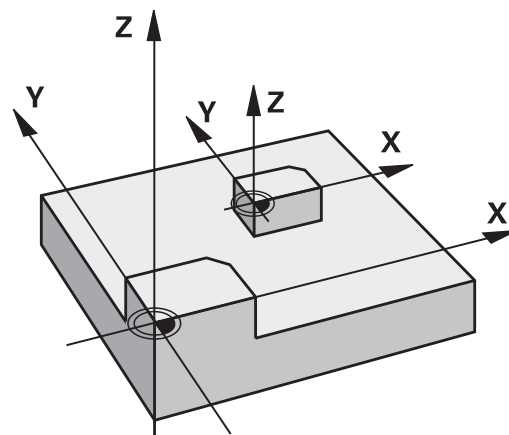
It is advisable to set the datum to an edge or a corner of the contour before enlarging or reducing the contour.

Enlargement: SCL greater than 1 (up to 99.999 999)

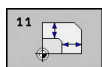
Reduction: SCL less than 1 (down to 0.000 001)

### Resetting

Program the SCALING cycle once again with a scaling factor of 1.



### Cycle parameters



- **Factor?:** Enter the scaling factor SCL. The TNC multiplies the coordinates and radii by the SCL factor (as described under "Effect" above). Input range 0.000001 to 99.999999

### NC blocks

11 CALL LBL 1
12 CYCL DEF 7.0 DATUM SHIFT
13 CYCL DEF 7.1 X+60
14 CYCL DEF 7.2 Y+40
15 CYCL DEF 11.0 SCALING
16 CYCL DEF 11.1 SCL 0.75
17 CALL LBL 1

## 10.8 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING (Cycle 26)

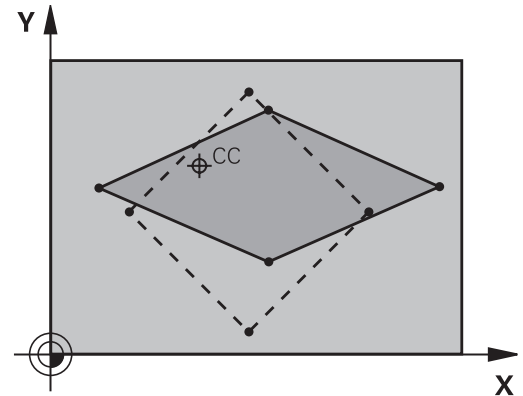
### Effect

With Cycle 26 you can account for shrinkage and oversize factors for each axis.

The SCALING FACTOR becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the program. It is also effective in **Positioning w/ Manual Data Input** mode of operation. The active scaling factor is shown in the additional status display.

### Resetting

Program the SCALING cycle once again with a scaling factor of 1 for the same axis.



### Please note while programming:



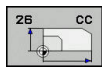
Coordinate axes sharing coordinates for arcs must be enlarged or reduced by the same factor.

You can program each coordinate axis with its own axis-specific scaling factor.

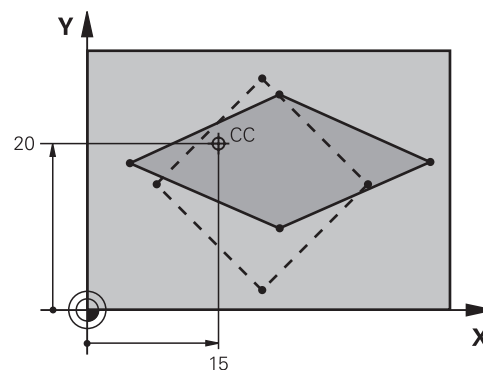
In addition, you can enter the coordinates of a center for all scaling factors.

The size of the contour is enlarged or reduced with reference to the center, and not necessarily (as in Cycle 11 SCALING) with reference to the active datum.

## Cycle parameters



- **Axis and scaling factor:** Select the coordinate axis/axes by soft key and enter the factor(s) involved in enlarging or reducing. Input range 0.000001 to 99.999999
- **Center coordinates:** Enter the center of the axis-specific enlargement or reduction. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

25 CALL LBL 1

26 CYCL DEF 26.0 AXIS-SPECIFIC  
SCALING

27 CYCL DEF 26.1 X 1.4 Y 0.6 CCX+15  
CCY+20

28 CALL LBL 1

## 10.9 WORKING PLANE (Cycle 19, DIN/ISO: G80, software option 1)

### Effect

In Cycle 19 you define the position of the working plane—i.e. the position of the tool axis referenced to the machine coordinate system—by entering tilt angles. There are two ways to determine the position of the working plane:

- Enter the position of the rotary axes directly.
- Describe the position of the working plane using up to 3 rotations (spatial angle) of the **fixed machine** coordinate system. The required spatial angle can be calculated by cutting a perpendicular line through the tilted working plane and considering it from the axis around which you wish to tilt. With two spatial angles, every tool position in space can be defined exactly.



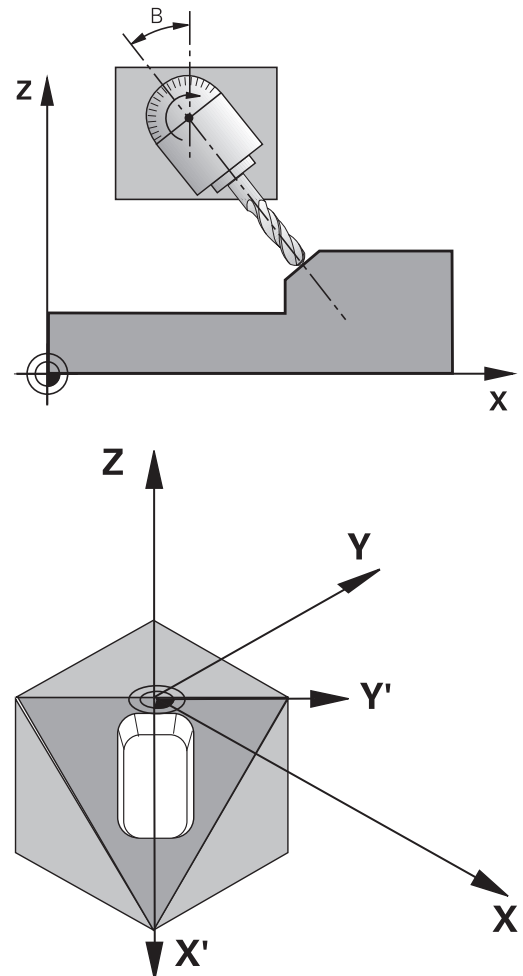
Note that the position of the tilted coordinate system, and therefore also all movements in the tilted system, are dependent on your description of the tilted plane.

If you program the position of the working plane via spatial angles, the TNC will calculate the required angle positions of the tilted axes automatically and will store these in the parameters Q120 (A axis) to Q122 (C axis). If two solutions are possible, the TNC will choose the shorter path from the current position of the rotary axes.

The axes are always rotated in the same sequence for calculating the tilt of the plane: The TNC first rotates the A axis, then the B axis, and finally the C axis.

Cycle 19 becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the program. As soon as you move an axis in the tilted system, the compensation for this specific axis is activated. You must move all axes to activate compensation for all axes.

If you set the function **Tilting program run** to **Active** in the Manual Operation mode, the angular value entered in this menu is overwritten by Cycle 19 WORKING PLANE.



**Please note while programming:**

The **Tilt working plane** functions are interfaced to the control and the machine tool by the machine tool builder. The machine tool builder also specifies whether the programmed angles are interpreted as coordinates of the rotary axes (axis angles) or as angular components of a tilted plane (spatial angles).



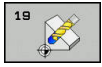
Because nonprogrammed rotary axis values are interpreted as unchanged, you should always define all three spatial angles, even if one or more angles are at zero.

The working plane is always tilted around the active datum.

If you use Cycle 19 when M120 is active, the TNC automatically rescinds the radius compensation, which also rescinds the M120 function.

In the optional machine parameter **CfgDisplayCoordSys** (no. 127501) you can specify the coordinate system in which the status display shows an active datum shift.

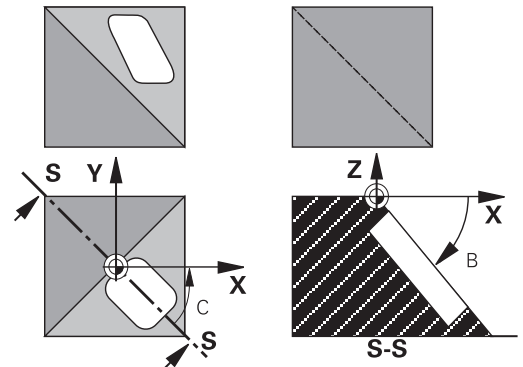
## Cycle parameters



- **Rotary axis and angle?:** Enter the axis of rotation together with the associated tilt angle. The rotary axes A, B and C are programmed using soft keys. Input range -360.000 to 360.000

If the TNC automatically positions the rotary axes, you can enter the following parameters:

- **Feed rate? F=:** Traversing speed of the rotary axis during automatic positioning. Input range 0 to 99999.999
- **Set-up clearance?** (incremental): The TNC positions the tilting head so that the position that results from the extension of the tool by the set-up clearance does not change relative to the workpiece. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## Resetting

To reset the tilt angles, redefine the WORKING PLANE cycle and enter an angular value of 0° for all axes of rotation. You must then program the WORKING PLANE cycle once again and respond to the dialog question with the **NO ENT** key to disable the function.

## Positioning the axes of rotation



Refer to your machine manual.

The machine tool builder determines whether Cycle 19 positions the axes of rotation automatically or whether they must be positioned manually in the program.

### Manual positioning of rotary axes

If the rotary axes are not positioned automatically in Cycle 19, you must position them in a separate L block after the cycle definition.

If you use axis angles, you can define the axis values right in the L block. If you use spatial angles, then use the Q parameters **Q120** (A-axis value), **Q121** (B-axis value) and **Q122** (C-axis value), which are described by Cycle 19.



For manual positioning, always use the rotary axis positions stored in Q parameters Q120 to Q122.

Avoid using functions, such as M94 (modulo rotary axes), in order to avoid discrepancies between the actual and nominal positions of rotary axes in multiple definitions.

### Example NC blocks:

10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX	
11 L X+25 Y+10 R0 FMAX	
12 CYCL DEF 19.0 WORKING PLANE	Define the spatial angle for calculation of the compensation
13 CYCL DEF 19.1 A+0 B+45 C+0	
14 L A+Q120 C+Q122 R0 F1000	Position the rotary axes by using values calculated by Cycle 19
15 L Z+80 R0 FMAX	Activate compensation for the spindle axis
16 L X-8.5 Y-10 R0 FMAX	Activate compensation for the working plane

### Automatic positioning of rotary axes

If the rotary axes are positioned automatically in Cycle 19:

- The TNC can position only controlled axes
- In order for the tilted axes to be positioned, you must enter a feed rate and a set-up clearance in addition to the tilting angles, during cycle definition.
- Use only preset tools (the full tool length must be defined).
- The position of the tool tip as referenced to the workpiece surface remains nearly unchanged after tilting
- The TNC performs the tilt at the last programmed feed rate. The maximum feed rate that can be reached depends on the complexity of the swivel head or tilting table.

### Example NC blocks:

10 L Z+100 R0 FMAX	
11 L X+25 Y+10 R0 FMAX	
12 CYCL DEF 19.0 WORKING PLANE	Define the angle for calculation of the compensation
13 CYCL DEF 19.1 A+0 B+45 C+0 F5000 ABST50	Also define the feed rate and the clearance
14 L Z+80 R0 FMAX	Activate compensation for the spindle axis
15 L X-8.5 Y-10 R0 FMAX	Activate compensation for the working plane

### Position display in a tilted system

On activation of Cycle 19, the displayed positions (**ACTL** and **NOML**) and the datum indicated in the additional status display are referenced to the tilted coordinate system. The positions displayed immediately after cycle definition might not be the same as the coordinates of the last programmed position before Cycle 19.

### Monitoring of the working space

The TNC checks only those axes in the tilted coordinate system that are moved. If necessary, the TNC outputs an error message.

## Positioning in a tilted coordinate system

With the miscellaneous function M130 you can move the tool, while the coordinate system is tilted, to positions that are referenced to the non-tilted coordinate system.

Positioning movements with straight lines that are referenced to the machine coordinate system (blocks with M91 or M92) can also be executed in a tilted working plane. Constraints:

- Positioning is without length compensation.
- Positioning is without machine geometry compensation.
- Tool radius compensation is not permitted.

## Combining coordinate transformation cycles

When combining coordinate transformation cycles, always make sure the working plane is swiveled around the active datum. You can program a datum shift before activating Cycle 19. In this case, you are shifting the machine-based coordinate system.

If you program a datum shift after having activated Cycle 19, you are shifting the tilted coordinate system.

Important: When resetting the cycles, use the reverse sequence used for defining them:

- 1st Activate datum shift
- 2nd Activate tilting function
- 3rd Activate rotation
- ...
- Workpiece machining
- ...
- 1st Reset rotation
- 2nd Reset tilting function
- 3rd Reset datum shift

## Procedure for working with Cycle 19 WORKING PLANE

### 1 Write the program

- ▶ Define the tool (not required if TOOL.T is active), and enter the full tool length.
- ▶ Call the tool.
- ▶ Retract the tool in the tool axis to a position where there is no danger of collision with the workpiece or clamping devices during tilting.
- ▶ If required, position the tilt axis or axes with an L block to the appropriate angular value(s) (depending on a machine parameter).
- ▶ Activate datum shift if required.
- ▶ Define Cycle 19 WORKING PLANE; enter the angular values for the tilt axes
- ▶ Traverse all principal axes (X, Y, Z) to activate compensation.
- ▶ Write the program as if the machining process were to be executed in a non-tilted plane.
- ▶ If required, define Cycle 19 WORKING PLANE with other angular values to execute machining in a different axis position. In this case, it is not necessary to reset Cycle 19. You can define the new angular values directly.
- ▶ Reset Cycle 19 WORKING PLANE; program 0° for all tilt axes.
- ▶ Disable the WORKING PLANE function; redefine Cycle 19 and answer the dialog question with **NO ENT**.
- ▶ Reset datum shift if required.
- ▶ Position the tilt axes to the 0° position if required.

### 2 Clamp the workpiece

### 3 Presetting

- Manually by touch-off
- Controlled with a HEIDENHAIN 3-D touch probe (see the Touch Probe Cycles User's Manual, chapter 2)
- Automatically with a HEIDENHAIN 3-D touch probe (see the Touch Probe Cycles User's Manual, chapter 3).

### 4 Start the part program in the operating mode Program Run, Full Sequence

### 5 Manual Operation mode

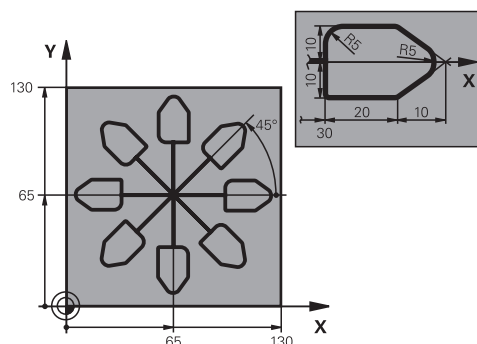
Use the 3-D ROT soft key to set the TILT WORKING PLANE function to INACTIVE. Enter an angular value of 0° for each rotary axis in the menu.

## 10.10 Programming Examples

### Example: Coordinate transformation cycles

#### Program run

- Program the coordinate transformations in the main program
- Machining within a subprogram



0 BEGIN PGM COTRANS MM	
1 BLK FORM 0.1 Z X+0 Y+0 Z-20	Definition of workpiece blank
2 BLK FORM 0.2 X+130 X+130 Z+0	
3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S4500	Tool call
4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX	Retract the tool
5 CYCL DEF 7.0 DATUM SHIFT	Shift datum to center
6 CYCL DEF 7.1 X+65	
7 CYCL DEF 7.2 Y+65	
8 CALL LBL 1	Call milling operation
9 LBL 10	Set label for program section repeat
10 CYCL DEF 10.0 ROTATION	Rotate by 45° (incremental)
11 CYCL DEF 10.1 IROT+45	
12 CALL LBL 1	Call milling operation
13 CALL LBL 10 REP 6/6	Return jump to LBL 10; repeat the milling operation six times
14 CYCL DEF 10.0 ROTATION	Reset the rotation
15 CYCL DEF 10.1 ROT+0	
16 CYCL DEF 7.0 DATUM SHIFT	Reset the datum shift
17 CYCL DEF 7.1 X+0	
18 CYCL DEF 7.2 Y+0	
19 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M2	Retract in the tool axis, end program
20 LBL 1	Subprogram 1
21 L X+0 Y+0 R0 FMAX	Define milling operation
22 L Z+2 R0 FMAX M3	
23 L Z-5 R0 F200	
24 L X+30 RL	
25 L IY+10	
26 RND R5	
27 L IX+20	
28 L IX+10 IY-10	

29 RND R5	
30 L IX-10 IY-10	
31 L IX-20	
32 L IY+10	
33 L X+0 Y+0 R0 F5000	
34 L Z+20 R0 FMAX	
35 LBL 0	
36 END PGM COTRANS MM	










# 11

**Cycles: Special  
Functions**

## 11.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

The TNC provides the following cycles for the following special purposes:

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## 11.2 DWELL TIME (Cycle 9, DIN/ISO: G04)

### Function

This causes the execution of the next block within a running program to be delayed by the programmed **DWELL TIME**. A dwell time can be used for such purposes as chip breaking.

The cycle becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the program. Modal conditions such as spindle rotation are not affected.



### NC blocks

89 CYCL DEF 9.0 DWELL TIME

90 CYCL DEF 9.1 DWELL 1.5

### Cycle parameters

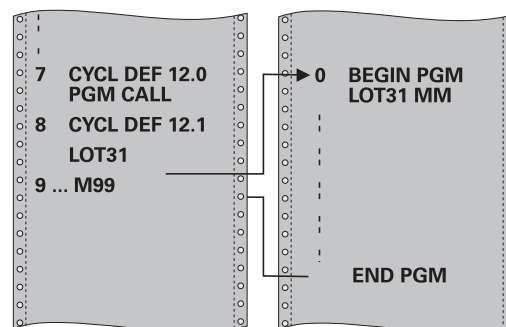


- **Dwell time in seconds:** Enter the dwell time in seconds. Input range: 0 to 3600 s (1 hour) in steps of 0.001 seconds

## 11.3 PROGRAM CALL (Cycle 12, DIN/ISO: G39)

### Cycle function

Routines that you have programmed (such as special drilling cycles or geometrical modules) can be written as main programs. These can then be called like fixed cycles.



### Please note while programming:



The program you are calling must be stored in the internal memory of your TNC.

If the program you are defining to be a cycle is located in the same directory as the program you are calling it from, you need only enter the program name.

If the program you are defining to be a cycle is not located in the same directory as the program you are calling it from, you must enter the complete path, for example **TNC:\KLAR35\FK1\50.H**.

If you want to define a DIN/ISO program to be a cycle, enter the file type .I behind the program name.

As a rule, Q parameters are globally effective when called with Cycle 12. So please note that changes to Q parameters in the called program can also influence the calling program.

### Cycle parameters

12  
PGM  
CALL

- **Program name:** Enter the name of the program you want to call and, if necessary, the directory it is located in or
- Activate the file select dialog and select the program to be called via the **SELECT** soft key.

Call the program with:

- CYCL CALL (separate block) or
- M99 (blockwise) or
- M89 (executed after every positioning block)

**Designate program 50 as a cycle and call it with M99**

55 CYCL DEF 12.0 PGM CALL

56 CYCL DE 12.1 PGM TNC:  
\KLAR35\FK1\50.H

57 L X+20 Y+50 FMAX M99

## 11.4 SPINDLE ORIENTATION (Cycle 13, DIN/ISO: G36)

### Cycle function



Machine and TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for use of this cycle.

The TNC can control the machine tool spindle and rotate it to a given angular position.

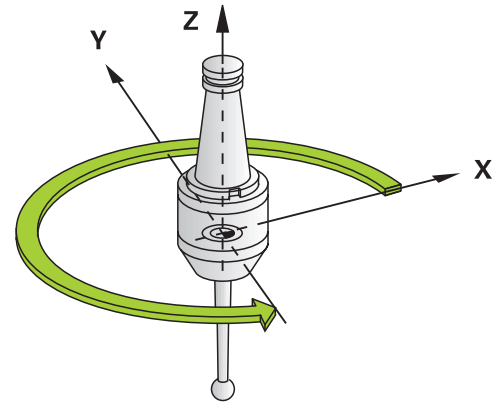
Oriented spindle stops are required for

- Tool changing systems with a defined tool change position
- Orientation of the transmitter/receiver window of HEIDENHAIN 3-D touch probes with infrared transmission

The angle of orientation defined in the cycle is positioned to by entering M19 or M20 (depending on the machine).

If you program M19 or M20 without having defined Cycle 13, the TNC positions the machine tool spindle at an angle that has been set by the machine tool builder.

**More information:** machine tool manual.



### NC blocks

93 CYCL DEF 13.0 ORIENTATION

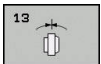
94 CYCL DEF 13.1 ANGLE 180

### Please note while programming:



Cycle 13 is used internally for Cycles 202, 204 and 209. Please note that, if required, you must program Cycle 13 again in your NC program after one of the machining cycles mentioned above.

### Cycle parameters



- **Angle of orientation:** Enter the angle referenced to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range: 0.0000° to 360.0000°

## 11.5 TOLERANCE (Cycle 32, DIN/ISO: G62)

### Cycle function



Machine and TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for use of this cycle.

With the entries in Cycle 32 you can influence the result of HSC machining with respect to accuracy, surface definition and speed, inasmuch as the TNC has been adapted to the machine's characteristics.

The TNC automatically smoothens the contour between two path elements (whether compensated or not). The tool has constant contact with the workpiece surface and therefore reduces wear on the machine tool. The tolerance defined in the cycle also affects the traverse paths on circular arcs.

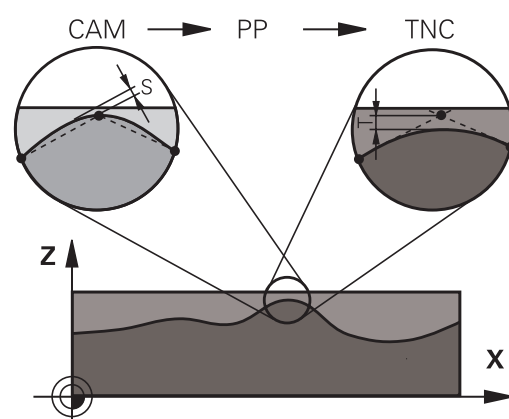
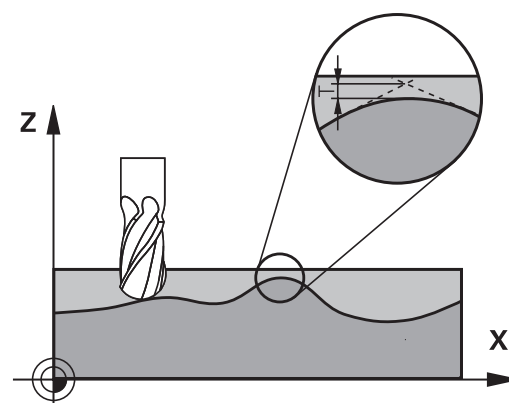
If necessary, the TNC automatically reduces the programmed feed rate so that the program can be machined at the fastest possible speed without short pauses for computing time. **Even if the TNC does not move with reduced speed, it will always comply with the tolerance that you have defined.** The larger you define the tolerance, the faster the TNC can move the axes.

Smoothing the contour results in a certain amount of deviation from the contour. The size of this contour error (**tolerance value**) is set in a machine parameter by the machine manufacturer. With **Cycle 32** you can change the pre-set tolerance value and select different filter settings, provided that your machine tool builder has implemented these features.

### Influences of the geometry definition in the CAM system

The most important factor of influence in offline NC program creation is the chord error  $S$  defined in the CAM system. The maximum point spacing of NC programs generated in a postprocessor (PP) is defined through the chord error. If the chord error is less than or equal to the tolerance value  $T$  defined in Cycle 32, then the TNC can smooth the contour points unless any special machine settings limit the programmed feed rate.

You will achieve optimal smoothing if in Cycle 32 you choose a tolerance value between 110-% and 200-% of the CAM chord error.



**Please note while programming:**

With very small tolerance values the machine cannot cut the contour without jerking. These jerking movements are not caused by poor processing power in the TNC, but by the fact that, in order to machine the contour element transitions very exactly, the TNC might have to drastically reduce the speed.

Cycle 32 is DEF active which means that it becomes effective as soon as it is defined in the part program.

The TNC resets Cycle 32 if you

- Redefine it and confirm the dialog question for the **tolerance value** with **NO ENT**.
- Select a new program with the **PGM MGT** key.

After you have reset Cycle 32, the TNC reactivates the tolerance that was predefined by machine parameter.

In a program with millimeters set as unit of measure, the control interprets the entered tolerance value **T** in millimeters. In an inch program it interprets it as inches.

If you transfer a program with Cycle 32 that contains only the cycle parameter **Tolerance value T**, the TNC inserts the two remaining parameters with the value 0 if required.

As the tolerance value increases, the diameter of circular movements usually decreases, unless HSC filters are active on your machine (set by the machine tool builder).

If Cycle 32 is active, the TNC shows the parameters defined for Cycle 32 on the **CYC** tab of the additional status display.

NC programs for 5-axis simultaneous machining with spherical cutters should preferably be output for the center of the sphere. The NC data are then generally more consistent. Additionally, in you can set a higher rotational axis tolerance **TA** (e.g. between 1° and 3°) for an even more constant feed-rate curve at the tool reference point (TCP).

For NC programs for 5-axis simultaneous machining with toroid cutters or radius cutters where the NC output is for the south pole of the sphere, choose a lower rotational axis tolerance. 0.1° is a typical value. However, the maximum permissible contour damage is the decisive factor for the rotational axis tolerance. This contour damage depends on the possible tool tilting, tool radius and contact depth of the tool.

With 5-axis gear hobbing with an end mill you can calculate the maximum possible contour damage **T** directly from the cutter contact length **L** and permissible contour tolerance **TA**:

$$T \sim K \times L \times TA \quad K = 0.0175 [1/^\circ]$$

Example:  $L = 10 \text{ mm}$ ,  $TA = 0.1^\circ$ :  $T = 0.0175 \text{ mm}$

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Tolerance value T:** Permissible contour deviation in mm (or inches with inch programming). Input range 0.0000 to 10.0000  
**>0:** With an input value > 0 the TNC uses the maximum permissible deviation  
**0** you entered: If 0 is entered or if during programming you press the **NO ENT** key, the TNC uses a value configured by the machine tool builder
- ▶ **HSC MODE, Finishing=0, Roughing=1:** Activate filter:
  - Input value 0: **Milling with increased contour accuracy.** The TNC uses internally defined finishing filter settings
  - Input value 1: **Milling at an increased feed rate.** The TNC uses internally defined roughing filter settings
- ▶ **Tolerance for rotary axes TA:** Permissible positioning error of rotary axes in degrees when M128 is active (FUNCTION TCPM). The TNC always reduces the feed rate in such a way that—if more than one axis is traversed—the slowest axis moves at its maximum feed rate. Rotary axes are usually much slower than linear axes. You can significantly reduce the machining time for programs for more than one axis by entering a large tolerance value (e.g. 10°), since the TNC does not always have to precisely move the rotary axis to the given nominal position. The tool orientation (position of the rotary axis with respect to the workpiece surface) will be adjusted. The position at **Tool Center Point (TCP)** is automatically corrected. With a ball-nose cutter for example, measured in the center and programmed to the midpoint path, this has no negative effects on the contour. Input range 0.0000 to 10.0000  
**>0:** With an input value > 0 the TNC uses the maximum permissible deviation  
**0** you entered: If 0 is entered or if during programming you press the **NO ENT** key, the TNC uses a value configured by the machine tool builder

## NC blocks

95 CYCL DEF 32.0 TOLERANCE

96 CYCL DEF 32.1 T0.05

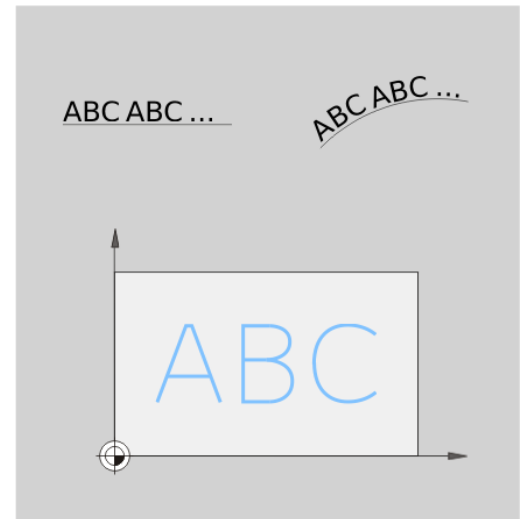
97 CYCL DEF 32.2 HSC-MODE:1 TA5

## 11.6 ENGRAVING (Cycle 225, DIN/ISO: G225)

### Cycle run

This cycle is used to engrave texts on a flat surface of the workpiece. The texts can be arranged in a straight line or along an arc.

- 1 The TNC positions the tool in the working plane to the starting point of the first character.
- 2 The tool plunges perpendicularly to the engraving floor and mills the character. The TNC retracts the tool to the set-up clearance between the characters when required. After machining the character, the tool is at the set-up clearance above the workpiece surface.
- 3 This process is repeated for all characters to be engraved.
- 4 Finally, the TNC retracts the tool to the 2nd set-up clearance.



### Please note while programming:



The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter DEPTH determines the working direction. If you program DEPTH=0, the cycle will not be executed.

The text to be engraved can also be transferred with a string variable (QS).

Parameter Q347 influences the rotational position of the letters.

If Q374=0° to 180°, the characters are engraved from left to right.

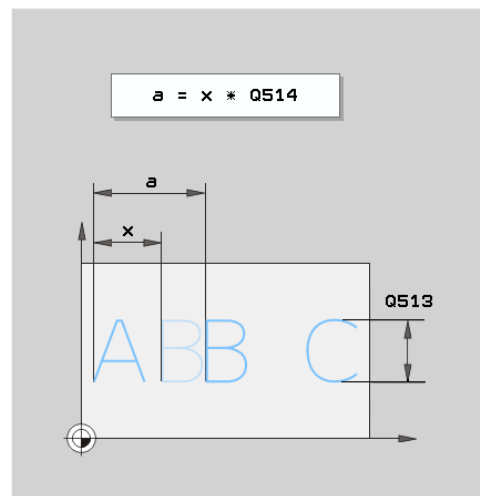
If Q374 is greater than 180°, the direction of engraving is reversed.

When engraving on a circular arc, the starting point is at bottom left, above the first character to be engraved. (With older software versions there was sometimes a pre-positioning to the center of the circle.)

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q500 Engraving text?:** Text to be engraved inside quotation marks. Assignment of a string variable through the Q key of the numerical keypad. The Q key on the ASCII keyboard represents normal text input. Allowed entry characters: See "Engraving system variables", page 321
- ▶ **Q513 Character height?:** (absolute): Height of the characters to be engraved in mm. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q514 Character spacing factor?:** The font used is a proportional font. Each character has its own width, which is engraved correspondingly by the TNC if you program Q514 = 0. If Q514 is not equal to 0, the TNC scales the space between the characters. Input range 0 to 9.9999
- ▶ **Q515 Font?:** Currently without function
- ▶ **Q516 Text on a line/on an arc(0/1)?:**  
Engrave the text in a straight line: Input = 0  
Engrave the text on an arc: Input = 1  
Engrave the text on an arc, circumferentially (not necessarily legible from below): Input = 2
- ▶ **Q374 Angle of rotation?:** Center angle if the text is to be arranged on an arc. Engraving angle when text is in a straight line. Input range -360.0000 to +360.0000°
- ▶ **Q517 Radius of text on an arc? (absolute):** Radius of the arc in mm on which the TNC is to arrange the text. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q201 Depth? (incremental):** Distance between workpiece surface and engraving floor
- ▶ **Q206 Feed rate for plunging?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while plunging. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance? (incremental):** Distance between tool tip and workpiece surface. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**



## NC blocks

62 CYCL DEF 225 ENGRAVING	
Q500="A"	;ENGRAVING TEXT
Q513=10	;CHARACTER HEIGHT
Q514=0	;SPACE FACTOR
Q515=0	;FONT
Q516=0	;TEXT ARRANGEMENT
Q374=0	;ANGLE OF ROTATION
Q517=0	;CIRCLE RADIUS
Q207=750	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q201=-0.5	;DEPTH
Q206=150	;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q203=+20	;SURFACE COORDINATE
Q204=50	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q367=+0	;TEXT POSITION
Q574=+0	;TEXT LENGTH

- ▶ **Q203 Workpiece surface coordinate?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the workpiece surface. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental):  
Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q574 Maximum text length?** (mm/inch): Enter the maximum text length here. The TNC also takes into account parameter Q513 Character height. If Q513=0, the TNC engraves the text over exactly the length indicated in parameter Q574. The character height is scaled correspondingly. If Q513 is greater than zero, the TNC checks whether the actual text length exceeds the maximum text length entered in Q574, If that is the case, the TNC displays an error message.
- ▶ **Q367 Reference for text position (0-6)?** Enter here the reference for the position of the text. Depending on whether the text is engraved on an arc or a straight line (parameter Q516), the following entries are possible:  
**If engraved on an arc, the text position refers to the following point:**
  - 0 = Center of the circle
  - 1 = Bottom left
  - 2 = Bottom center
  - 3 = Bottom right
  - 4 = Top right
  - 5 = Top center
  - 6 = Top left**If engraved on a straight line, the text position refers to the following point:**
  - 0 = Bottom left
  - 1 = Bottom left
  - 2 = Bottom center
  - 3 = Bottom right
  - 4 = Top right
  - 5 = Top center
  - 6 = Top left

## Allowed engraving characters

The following special characters are allowed in addition to lowercase letters, uppercase letters and numbers:

**! # \$ % & ' ( ) \* + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ [ \ ] \_ ß CE**



The TNC uses the special characters % and \ for special functions. These characters must be indicated twice in the text to be engraved (e.g. %%) if you want to engrave them.

When engraving German umlauts, ß, ø, @ or the CE character, enter the character % before the character to be engraved:

Algebraic sign	Input
ä	%ae
ö	%oe
ü	%ue
Ä	%AE
Ö	%OE
Ü	%UE
ß	%ss
ø	%D
@	%at
CE	%CE

## Characters that cannot be printed

Apart from text, you can also define certain non-printable characters for formatting purposes. Enter the special character \ before the non-printable characters.

The following formatting possibilities are available:

Character	Input
Line break	\n
Horizontal tab (the tab width is permanently set to 8 characters)	\t
Vertical tab (the tab width is permanently set to one line)	\v

## Engraving system variables

In addition to the standard characters, you can engrave the contents of certain system variables. Enter **%** before the system variable.

You can also engrave the current date or time. Enter **%time<x>**. **<x>** defines the format, e.g. 08 for DD.MM.YYYY. (Identical to the **SYSSTR ID321** function)



Keep in mind that you must enter a leading 0 when entering the date formats 1 to 9, e.g. **time08**.

Character	Input
DD.MM.YYYY hh:mm:ss	%time00
D.MM.YYYY h:mm:ss	%time01
D.MM.YYYY h:mm	%time02
D.MM.YY h:mm	%time03
YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss	%time04
YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm	%time05
YYYY-MM-DD h:mm	%time06
YY-MM-DD h:mm	%time07
DD.MM.YYYY	%time08
D.MM.YYYY	%time09
D.MM.YY	%time10
YYYY-MM-DD	%time11
YY-MM-DD	%time12
hh:mm:ss	%time13
h:mm:ss	%time14
h:mm	%time15

## Engraving the counter reading

You can engrave the current counter reading found in the MOD menu with Cycle 225.

For this purpose program Cycle 225 as usual and enter e.g. the following for the text to be engraved: **%count2**

The number after **%count** specifies how many positions the TNC engraves. A maximum of nine positions are possible.

Example: If you program **%count9** in the cycle with a momentary counter reading of 3, the TNC engraves: 000000003

### NOTICE

**In Test Run operating mode the momentary counter reading is always simulated with the number 0, independent of the counter reading actually entered in the MOD menu.**

The TNC does not consider the active counter reading in Test Run operating mode. The reading cannot be switched higher with a repeated test of the NC program and cannot be output with Cycle 225. This is why a counter reading of zero is always simulated in Test Run operating mode.

- ▶ In Program Run, Full Sequence and Program Run, Single Block operating modes the active counter reading is taken into consideration.
- ▶ If you switch over the screen layout in these operating modes, e.g. to the PROGRAM + GRAPHICS view, the currently engraved counter reading is shown in the motion simulation

## 11.7 FACE MILLING (Cycle 232, DIN/ISO: G232, software option 19)

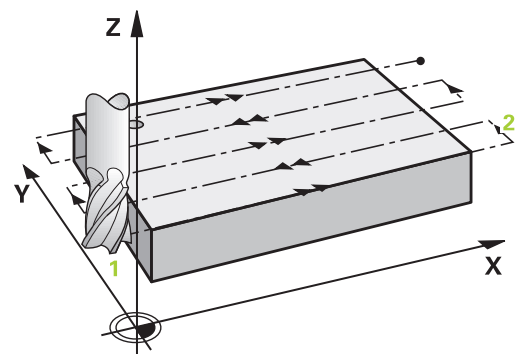
### Cycle run

Cycle 232 is used to face mill a level surface in multiple infeeds while taking the finishing allowance into account. Three machining strategies are available:

- **Strategy Q389=0:** Meander machining, stepover outside the surface being machined
  - **Strategy Q389=1:** Meander machining, stepover at the edge of the surface being machined
  - **Strategy Q389=2:** Line-by-line machining, retraction and stepover at the positioning feed rate
- 1 From the current position, the TNC positions the tool at rapid traverse **FMAX** to the starting position using positioning logic **1**: If the current position in the spindle axis is greater than the 2nd set-up clearance, the control positions the tool first in the machining plane and then in the spindle axis. Otherwise it first moves to the 2nd set-up clearance and then in the machining plane. The starting point in the machining plane is offset from the edge of the workpiece by the tool radius and the safety clearance to the side.
  - 2 The tool then moves in the spindle axis at the positioning feed rate to the first plunging depth calculated by the control.

### Strategy Q389=0

- 3 The tool subsequently advances to the end point **2** at the programmed feed rate for milling. The end point lies **outside** the surface. The control calculates the end point from the programmed starting point, the programmed length, the programmed safety clearance to the side and the tool radius.
- 4 The TNC offsets the tool to the starting point in the next pass at the pre-positioning feed rate. The offset is calculated from the programmed width, the tool radius and the maximum path overlap factor.
- 5 The tool then moves back in the direction of the starting point **1**.
- 6 The process is repeated until the programmed surface has been completed. At the end of the last pass, the tool plunges to the next machining depth.
- 7 In order to avoid non-productive motions, the surface is then machined in reverse direction.
- 8 The process is repeated until all infeeds have been machined. In the last infeed, simply the finishing allowance entered is milled at the finishing feed rate.
- 9 At the end of the cycle, the tool is retracted at **FMAX** to the 2nd set-up clearance.

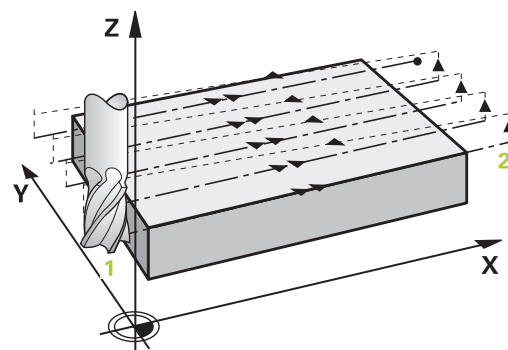


**Strategy Q389=1**

- 3 The tool subsequently advances to the end point **2** at the programmed feed rate for milling. The end point lies **at the edge** of the surface. The TNC calculates the end point from the programmed starting point, the programmed length and the tool radius.
- 4 The TNC offsets the tool to the starting point in the next pass at the pre-positioning feed rate. The offset is calculated from the programmed width, the tool radius and the maximum path overlap factor.
- 5 The tool then moves back in the direction of the starting point **1**. The motion to the next line again occurs at the edge of the workpiece.
- 6 The process is repeated until the programmed surface has been completed. At the end of the last pass, the tool plunges to the next machining depth.
- 7 In order to avoid non-productive motions, the surface is then machined in reverse direction.
- 8 The process is repeated until all infeeds have been machined. In the last infeed, simply the finishing allowance entered is milled at the finishing feed rate.
- 9 At the end of the cycle, the tool is retracted at **FMAX** to the 2nd set-up clearance.

**Strategy Q389=2**

- 3 The tool subsequently advances to the end point **2** at the programmed feed rate for milling. The end point lies outside the surface. The TNC calculates the end point from the programmed starting point, the programmed length, the programmed safety clearance to the side and the tool radius.
- 4 The TNC positions the tool in the spindle axis to the set-up clearance over the current infeed depth, and then moves at the pre-positioning feed rate directly back to the starting point in the next line. The TNC calculates the offset from the programmed width, the tool radius and the maximum path overlap factor.
- 5 The tool then returns to the current infeed depth and moves in the direction of the next end point **2**.
- 6 The multipass process is repeated until the programmed surface has been completed. At the end of the last pass, the tool plunges to the next machining depth.
- 7 In order to avoid non-productive motions, the surface is then machined in reverse direction.
- 8 The process is repeated until all infeeds have been machined. In the last infeed, simply the finishing allowance entered is milled at the finishing feed rate.
- 9 At the end of the cycle, the tool is retracted at **FMAX** to the 2nd set-up clearance.



**Please note while programming:**

Enter the **Q204 2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE** so that no collision with the workpiece or the fixtures can occur.

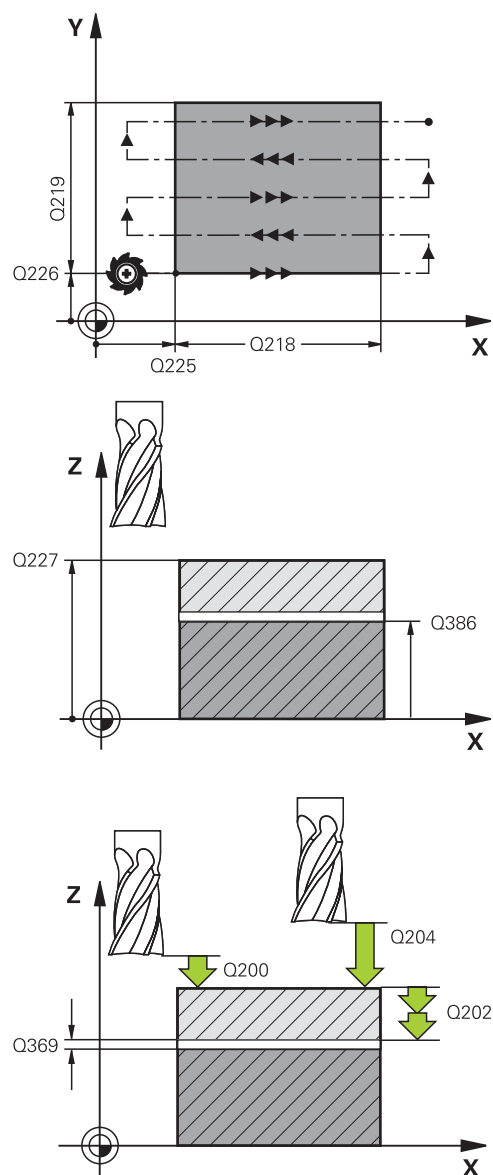
If **Q227 STARTNG PNT 3RD AXIS** and **Q386 END POINT 3RD AXIS** are entered as equal values, the TNC will not carry out the cycle (depth=0 programmed).

Program Q227 greater than Q386. Otherwise, the TNC will display an error message.

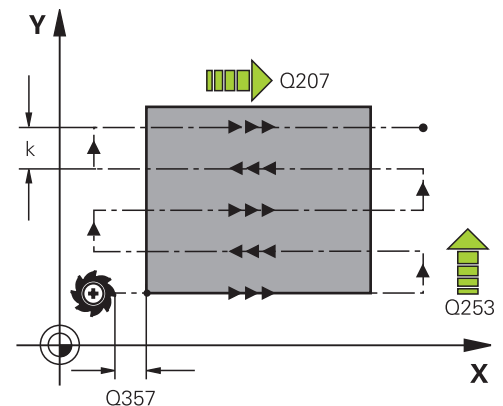
## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q389 Machining strategy (0/1/2)?**: Determine how the TNC should machine the surface:  
**0**: Meander machining, stepover at the positioning feed rate outside the surface being machined  
**1**: Meander machining, stepover at the feed rate for milling at the edge of the surface being machined  
**2**: Line-by-line machining, retraction and stepover at the positioning feed rate
- ▶ **Q225 Starting point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Starting point coordinate of the surface to be machined in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q226 Starting point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Starting point coordinate of the surface to be machined in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q227 Starting point in 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the workpiece surface used to calculate the infeeds. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q386 End point in 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the spindle axis on which the surface is to be face-milled. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q218 First side length?** (incremental): Length of the surface to be machined in the reference axis of the working plane. Use the algebraic sign to specify the direction of the first milling path in reference to the **starting point in the 1st axis**. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q219 Second side length?** (incremental): Length of the surface to be machined in the minor axis of the working plane. Use the algebraic sign to specify the direction of the first transverse approach in reference to the **STARTNG PNT 2ND AXIS**. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q202 Maximum plunging depth?** (incremental): **Maximum** infeed per cut. The TNC calculates the actual plunging depth from the difference between the end point and starting point of the tool axis (taking the finishing allowance into account), so that uniform plunging depths are used each time. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q369 Finishing allowance for floor?** (incremental): Distance used for the last infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



- ▶ **Q370 Max. path overlap factor?: Maximum** stepover factor k. The TNC calculates the actual stepover from the second side length (Q219) and the tool radius so that a constant stepover is used for machining. If you have entered a radius R2 in the tool table (e.g. tooth radius when using a face-milling cutter), the TNC reduces the stepover accordingly. Input range 0.1 to 1.9999
- ▶ **Q207 Feed rate for milling?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling. Input range 0 to 99999.999 alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q385 Finishing feed rate?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min while milling the last infeed. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FAUTO**, **fu**, **FZ**
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?:** Traversing speed of the tool in mm/min when approaching the starting position and when moving to the next pass. If you are moving the tool transversely to the material (Q389=1), the TNC moves the tool at the feed rate for milling Q207. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **fmax**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q200 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Distance between tool tip and the starting position in the tool axis. If you are milling with machining strategy Q389=2, the TNC moves the tool at the set-up clearance over the current plunging depth to the starting point of the next pass. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q357 Safety clearance to the side?** (incremental) Parameter Q357 has an influence on the following situations:  
**Approach the first plunging depth:** Q357 is the safety clearance of the tool to the side of the workpiece  
**Roughing with milling strategies Q389=0-3:** The surface in **Q350 MILLING DIRECTION** is increased by the value from Q357, provided that no limitation is set in this direction  
**Side finishing:** The paths are extended by Q357 in **Q350 MILLING DIRECTION**  
 Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q204 2nd set-up clearance?** (incremental): Coordinate in the spindle axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range 0 to 99999.9999; alternatively **PREDEF**



#### NC blocks

71 CYCL DEF 232 FACE MILLING	
Q389=2	;STRATEGY
Q225=+10	;STARTNG PNT 1ST AXIS
Q226=+12	;STARTNG PNT 2ND AXIS
Q227=+2.5	;STARTNG PNT 3RD AXIS
Q386=-3	;END POINT 3RD AXIS
Q218=150	;FIRST SIDE LENGTH
Q219=75	;2ND SIDE LENGTH
Q202=2	;MAX. PLUNGING DEPTH
Q369=0.5	;ALLOWANCE FOR FLOOR
Q370=1	;MAX. OVERLAP
Q207=500	;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG
Q385=800	;FINISHING FEED RATE
Q253=2000	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q200=2	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q357=2	;CLEARANCE TO SIDE
Q204=2	;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE

## 11.8 ASCERTAIN THE LOAD (Cycle 239, DIN/ISO: G239, software option 143)

### Cycle run

The dynamic behavior of your machine may vary with different workpiece weights acting on the machine table. A change in the load has an influence on the friction forces, acceleration, holding torque and stick-slip friction of table axes. With option 143 LAC (Load Adaptive Control) and Cycle 239 ASCERTAIN THE LOAD, the control can automatically determine and adjust the current load mass, the current frictional forces and maximum axis acceleration, and reset the feedforward and controller parameters. In this way, you can optimally react to major load changes. The TNC performs a weighing procedure to ascertain the weight acting on the axes. The axes traverse a specific path with this weighing procedure—the machine tool builder defines the precise movements. Before weighing, the axes are moved to a position, if required, where there is no danger of collision during the weighing procedure. This safe position is defined by the machine tool builder.

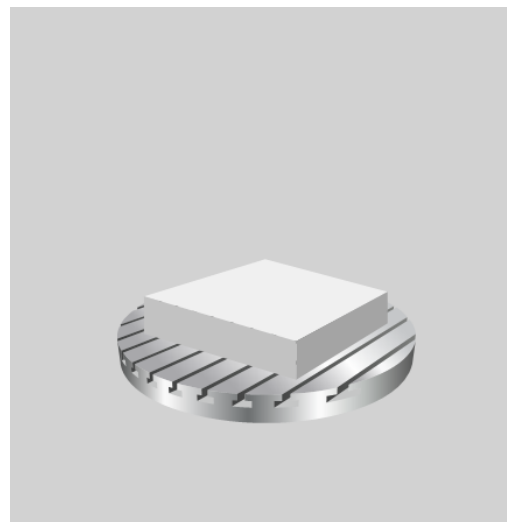
In addition to adjusting the control parameters, with LAC the maximum acceleration is also adjusted in accordance with the weight. This enables the dynamics to be accordingly increased with low load to increase productivity.

#### Parameter Q570 = 0


- 1 There is no physical movement of the axes.
- 2 The TNC resets the LAC.
- 3 The TNC activates feedforward parameters and, if applicable, controller parameters that ensure a safe movement of the axes concerned, regardless of the load condition—the parameters set with Q570=0 are **independent** of the current load.
- 4 These parameters can be useful during the setup procedure or after the completion of an NC program.

#### Parameter Q570 = 1

- 1 The TNC performs a weighing procedure in which it moves one or more axes. Which axes are moved depends on the setup of the machine and on the drives of the axes.
- 2 The scope of axis movement is defined by the machine tool builder.
- 3 The feedforward and controller parameters determined by the TNC **depend** on the current load.
- 4 The TNC activates the parameters determined.



Please note while programming:



The machine must be prepared by the machine tool builder for this cycle.


Cycle 239 can only be used with option 143 LAC (Load Adaptive Control).

NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

The cycle can execute extensive movements in several axes at rapid traverse!

- ▶ Ask your machine manufacturer about the type and extent of Cycle 239 before using it
- ▶ Before cycle start, the TNC might move to a safe position; this position is defined by the machine tool builder
- ▶ Set the potentiometer for feed-rate and rapid-traverse override to at least 50 % to ensure a correct ascertainment of the load




Cycle 239 becomes effective immediately after definition.

If you are using the mid-program startup function and the TNC skips Cycle 239 in the block scan, the TNC will ignore this cycle—no weighing procedure will be performed.

Cycle 239 supports the determination of the load on synchronized axes, provided they have only one common position measuring device (torque master slave).

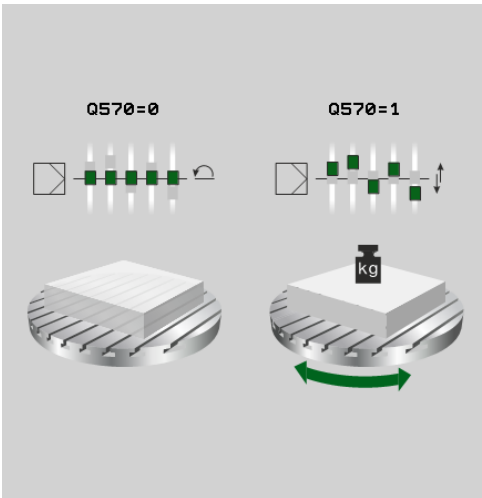
Cycle parameters



▶ **Q570 Load (0 = Delete/1 = Ascertain)?**: Specify whether the TNC should perform an LAC (Load adaptive control) weighing run, or whether the most recently ascertained load-dependent feedforward and controller parameters should be reset:

**0**: Reset LAC; the values most recently ascertained by the TNC are reset, and the TNC uses load-independent feedforward and controller parameters

**1**: Perform a weighing run; the TNC moves the axes and thus ascertains the feedforward and controller parameters depending on the current load. The values ascertained are activated immediately



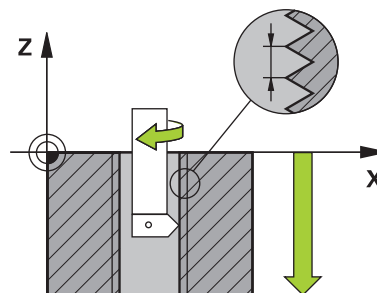
NC blocks

62 CYCL DEF 239 ASCERTAIN THE LOAD
Q570=+0 ;LOAD ASCERTATION

## 11.9 THREAD CUTTING (Cycle 18, DIN/ISO: G18, software option 19)

### Cycle run

Cycle **18** THREAD CUTTING moves the tool with servo-controlled spindle from the momentary position with active speed to the entered depth. As soon as it reaches the end of thread, spindle rotation is stopped. Approach and departure movements must be programmed separately.



### Please note while programming:



It is possible to use the feed rate potentiometer during tapping. The machine tool builder sets the configuration (with parameter **CfgThreadSpindle>sourceOverride**) for this purpose. The TNC then modifies the speed accordingly.

The spindle speed potentiometer is inactive.

Program a spindle stop before starting the cycle! (e.g. with M5). The TNC switches the spindle on automatically at cycle start and off at the end of the cycle.

The algebraic sign for the cycle parameter "thread depth" determines the working direction.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

A collision may occur if you do not program pre-positioning before calling Cycle 18. Cycle 18 does not perform approach and departure motion.

- ▶ Before calling the cycle, pre-position the tool
- ▶ The tool moves from the current position to the entered depth after the cycle is called

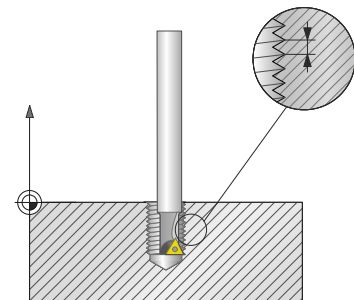
**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

If the spindle was switched on before calling the cycle, Cycle 18 switches the spindle off and the cycle works with a stationary spindle! Cycle 18 switches the spindle on again at the end if it was switched on before cycle start.

- ▶ Program a spindle stop before starting the cycle! (e.g. with M5)
- ▶ After Cycle 18 has finished the spindle condition before cycle start is restored. If the spindle was switched off before cycle start, the TNC switches it off again at the end of Cycle 18.

**Cycle parameters**

- ▶ Boring depth (incremental): Enter the thread depth based on the current position Input range: -99999 to +99999
- ▶ Thread pitch: Enter the pitch of the thread. The algebraic sign entered here differentiates between right-hand and left-hand threads:
  - + = right-hand thread (M3 with negative hole depth)
  - = left-hand thread (M4 with negative hole depth)

**NC blocks**

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25 CYCL DEF 18.0 THREAD CUTTING
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```
26 CYCL DEF 18.1 DEPTH = -20
```

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27 CYCL DEF 18.2 PITCH = +1
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# 12

**Using Touch Probe  
Cycles**

## 12.1 General information about touch probe cycles



HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.



The control must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for the use of a 3-D touch probe.

Touch-probe functions are not possible in combination with the **Global Program Settings** function. If at least one settings possibility is active, the control displays an error message if a manual touch-probe function is selected or when executing an automatic touch-probe cycle.

### Method of function

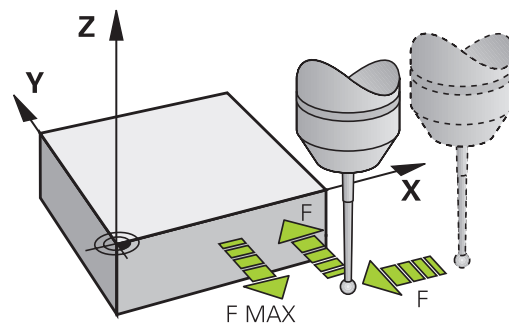
Whenever the TNC runs a touch probe cycle, the 3-D touch probe approaches the workpiece in one linear axis. This is also true during an active basic rotation or with a tilted working plane. The machine tool builder will determine the probing feed rate in a machine parameter.

**Further information:** "Before You Start Working with Touch Probe Cycles", page 337

When the probe stylus contacts the workpiece,

- the 3-D touch probe transmits a signal to the TNC: the coordinates of the probed position are stored,
- the touch probe stops moving, and
- returns to its starting position at rapid traverse.

If the stylus is not deflected within a defined distance, the TNC displays an error message (distance: **DIST** from touch probe table).



## Consideration of a basic rotation in the Manual Operation mode

During probing the TNC considers an active basic rotation and approaches the workpiece at an angle.

## Touch probe cycles in the Manual Operation and Electronic Handwheel operating modes

In the **Manual operation** and **Electronic handwheel** modes, the TNC provides touch probe cycles that allow you to:

- Calibrate the touch probe
- Compensate workpiece misalignment
- Set presets

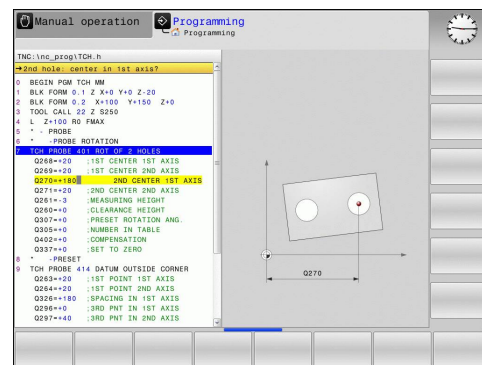
## Touch probe cycles for automatic operation

Besides the touch probe cycles, which you can use in the Manual and El. Handwheel modes, the TNC provides numerous cycles for a wide variety of applications in automatic mode:

- Calibrating a touch trigger probe
- Compensating workpiece misalignment
- Presetting
- Automatic workpiece inspection
- Automatic tool measurement

You can program the touch probe cycles in the **Programming** operating mode via the **TOUCH PROBE** key. Like the most recent fixed cycles, touch probe cycles with numbers greater than 400 use Q parameters as transfer parameters. Parameters with specific functions that are required in several cycles always have the same number: For example, Q260 is always assigned the clearance height, Q261 the measuring height, etc.

To simplify programming, the TNC shows a graphic during cycle definition. The graphic shows the parameter that needs to be entered (see figure at right).



## Defining the touch probe cycle in the Programming mode of operation



- ▶ The soft-key row shows all available touch probe functions divided into groups.



- ▶ Select the desired probe cycle group, for example presetting. Cycles for automatic tool measurement are available only if your machine has been prepared for them.



- ▶ Select a cycle, e.g. presetting at pocket center. The TNC initiates the programming dialog and asks for all required input values. At the same time a graphic of the input parameters is displayed in the right screen window. The parameter that is asked for in the dialog prompt is highlighted.
- ▶ Enter all parameters requested by the TNC and conclude each entry with the ENT key.
- ▶ The TNC ends the dialog when all required data has been entered

Soft key	Group of measuring cycles	Page
	Cycles for automatic measurement and compensation of workpiece misalignment	344
	Cycles for automatic workpiece presetting	368
	Cycles for automatic workpiece inspection	426
	Special cycles	470
	Calibrate TS	470
	Kinematics	490
	Cycles for automatic tool measurement (enabled by the machine tool builder)	522

## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 410 PRESET INSIDE RECTAN.

Q321=+50 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS

Q322=+50 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS

Q323=60 ;FIRST SIDE LENGTH

Q324=20 ;2ND SIDE LENGTH

Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT

Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE

Q260=+20 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT

Q301=0 ;MOVE TO CLEARANCE

Q305=10 ;NUMBER IN TABLE

Q331=+0 ;PRESET

Q332=+0 ;PRESET

Q303=+1 ;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER

Q381=1 ;PROBE IN TS AXIS

Q382=+85 ;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS

Q383=+50 ;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS

Q384=+0 ;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS

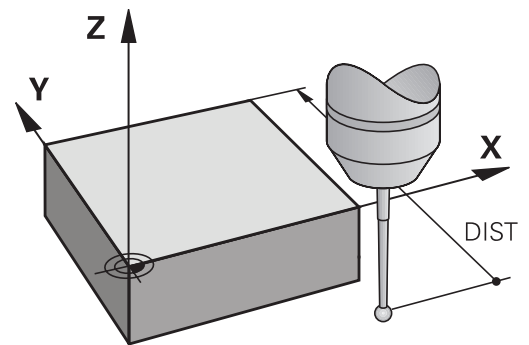
Q333=+0 ;PRESET

## 12.2 Before You Start Working with Touch Probe Cycles

To make it possible to cover the widest possible range of applications, machine parameters enable you to determine the behavior common to all touch probe cycles.

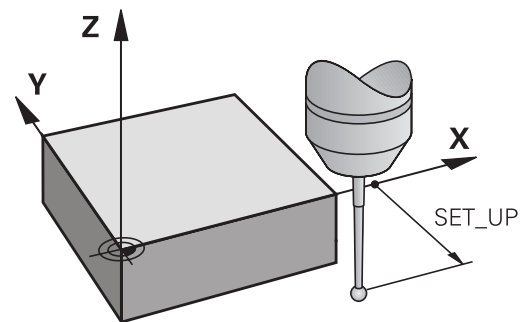
### Maximum traverse to touch point: **DIST** in touch probe table

If the stylus is not deflected within the path defined in **DIST**, the TNC outputs an error message.



### Set-up clearance to touch point: **SET\_UP** in touch probe table

In **SET\_UP** you define how far from the defined (or calculated) touch point the TNC is to pre-position the touch probe. The smaller the value you enter, the more exactly you must define the touch point position. In many touch probe cycles you can also define a set-up clearance that is added to **SET\_UP**.



### Orient the infrared touch probe to the programmed probe direction: **TRACK** in touch probe table

To increase measuring accuracy, you can use **TRACK = ON** to have an infrared touch probe oriented in the programmed probe direction before every probe process. In this way the stylus is always deflected in the same direction.



If you change **TRACK = ON**, you must recalibrate the touch probe.

### Touch trigger probe, probing feed rate: **F** in touch probe table

In **F** you define the feed rate at which the TNC is to probe the workpiece.

**F** can never exceed the value set in machine parameter **maxTouchFeed** (No. 122602).

The feed rate potentiometer may be effective with touch probe cycles. The machine tool builder defines the required settings. (the parameter **overrideForMeasure** (No. 122604) must be appropriately configured.)

### Touch trigger probe, rapid traverse for positioning: **FMAX**

In **FMAX** you define the feed rate at which the TNC pre-positions the touch probe, or positions it between measuring points.

### Touch trigger probe, rapid traverse for positioning: **F\_PREPOS** in touch probe table

In **F\_PREPOS** you define whether the TNC is to position the touch probe at the feed rate defined in **FMAX** or at rapid traverse.

- Input value = **FMAX\_PROBE**: Position at feed rate from **FMAX**
- Input value = **FMAX\_MACHINE**: Pre-position at rapid traverse

## Executing touch probe cycles

All touch probe cycles are DEF active. This means that the TNC runs the cycle automatically as soon as the TNC executes the cycle definition in the program run.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



You can also run the Touch Probe Cycles 408 to 419 during an active basic rotation. Make sure, however, that the basic rotation angle does not change when you use Cycle 7 DATUM SHIFT with datum tables after the measuring cycle.

Touch probe cycles with a number greater than 400 position the touch probe according to a positioning logic:

- If the current coordinate of the stylus south pole is less than the coordinate of the clearance height (as defined in the cycle), then the TNC first retracts the touch probe in the touch probe axis to the clearance height and then positions it in the working plane near the first touch point.
- If the current coordinate of the stylus south pole is greater than the coordinate of the clearance height, then the TNC first positions the touch probe to the first probe point in the working plane, and then in the touch-probe axis directly to the measuring height

## 12.3 Touch probe table

### General information

Various data is stored in the touch probe table that defines the probe behavior during the probing process. If you use several touch probes on your machine tool, you can save separate data for each touch probe.



You can also view and edit the data of the touch probe table in the expanded tool management (option 93).

### Editing touch probe tables

To edit the touch probe table, proceed as follows:



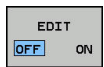
- ▶ Mode of operation: Press the **Manual operation** key



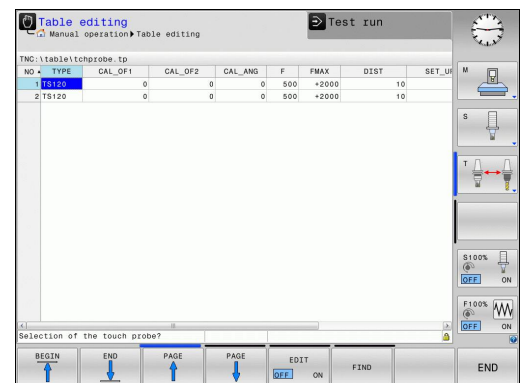
- ▶ Select the touch probe functions: Press the **TOUCH PROBE** soft key. The TNC displays additional soft keys



- ▶ Select the touch probe table: Press the **TCH PROBE TABLE** soft key



- ▶ Set the **EDIT** soft key to **ON**
- ▶ Using the arrow keys, select the desired setting.
- ▶ Perform desired changes.
- ▶ Exit the touch probe table: Press the **END** soft key



## touch probe data

Abbr.	Inputs	Dialog
<b>NO</b>	Number of the touch probe: Enter this number in the tool table (column: <b>TP_NO</b> ) under the appropriate tool number	–
<b>TYPE</b>	Selection of the touch probe used	<b>Selection of the touch probe?</b>
<b>CAL_OF1</b>	Offset of the touch probe axis to the spindle axis in the principal axis	<b>TS center misalignmt. ref. axis? [mm]</b>
<b>CAL_OF2</b>	Offset of the touch probe axis to the spindle axis in the minor axis	<b>TS center misalignmt. aux. axis? [mm]</b>
<b>CAL_ANG</b>	Prior to calibrating or probing the control aligns the touch probe with the spindle angle (if spindle orientation is possible)	<b>Spindle angle for calibration?</b>
<b>F</b>	Feed rate at which the control will probe the workpiece <b>F</b> can never exceed the value set in machine parameter <b>maxTouchFeed</b> (No. 122602).	<b>Probing feed rate? [mm/min]</b>
<b>FMAX</b>	Feed rate at which the touch probe is pre-positioning and is positioned between the measuring points	<b>Rapid traverse in probing cycle? [mm/min]</b>
<b>DIST</b>	If the stylus is not deflected within this defined value, the control will issue an error message.	<b>Maximum measuring range? [mm]</b>
<b>SET_UP</b>	In <b>SET-UP</b> you define how far from the defined or calculated touch point the control is to pre-position the touch probe. The smaller the value you enter, the more exactly you must define the touch point position. In many touch probe cycles you can also define a set-up clearance that is added to the <b>SET-UP</b> machine parameter.	<b>Set-up clearance? [mm]</b>
<b>F_PREPOS</b>	Defining speed with pre-positioning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pre-positioning with speed from <b>FMAX</b>: <b>FMAX_PROBE</b></li> <li>■ Pre-positioning with machine rapid traverse: <b>FMAX_MACHINE</b></li> </ul>	<b>Pre-position at rapid? ENT/NOENT</b>
<b>TRACK</b>	To increase measuring accuracy, you can use <b>TRACK = ON</b> to have an infrared touch probe oriented in the programmed probe direction before every probe process. In this way the stylus is always deflected in the same direction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>ON</b>: Perform spindle tracking</li> <li>■ <b>OFF</b>: Do not perform spindle tracking</li> </ul>	<b>Probe oriented? Yes=ENT/No=NOENT</b>
<b>SERIAL</b>	You need not make an entry in this column. The TNC automatically enters the serial number of the touch probe if the touch probe has an EnDat interface	



# 13

**Touch Probe  
Cycles: Automatic  
Measurement  
of Workpiece  
Misalignment**

## 13.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!







Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



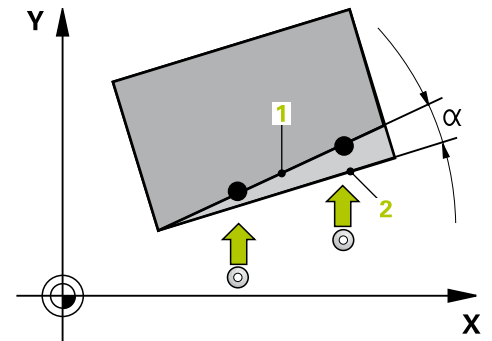
The control must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for the use of a 3-D touch probe.  
HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.

The TNC provides five cycles that enable you to measure and compensate workpiece misalignment. In addition, you can reset a basic rotation with Cycle 404:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	400 BASIC ROTATION Automatic measurement using two points. Compensation via basic rotation.	347
	401 ROT OF 2 HOLES Automatic measurement using two holes. Compensation via basic rotation.	350
	402 ROT OF 2 STUDS Automatic measurement using two studs. Compensation via basic rotation.	354
	403 ROT IN ROTARY AXIS Automatic measurement using two points. Compensation by turning the table.	358
	405 ROT IN C AXIS Automatic alignment of an angular offset between a hole center and the positive Y axis. Compensation via table rotation.	363
	404 SET BASIC ROTATION Setting any basic rotation.	362

### Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for measuring workpiece misalignment

For Cycles 400, 401 and 402 you can define through parameter **Q307 Default setting for basic rotation** whether the measurement result is to be corrected by a known angle  $\alpha$  (see figure at right). This enables you to measure the basic rotation against any straight line **1** of the workpiece and to establish the reference to the actual  $0^\circ$  direction **2**.

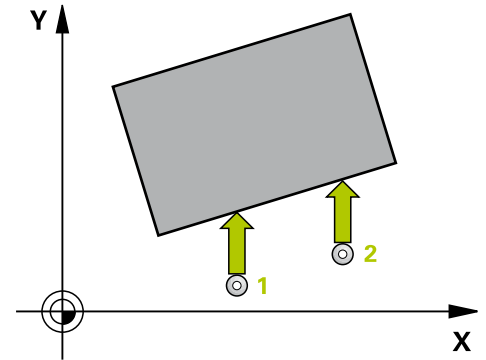


## 13.2 BASIC ROTATION (Cycle 400, DIN/ISO: G400, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch probe cycle 400 determines a workpiece misalignment by measuring two points, which must lie on a straight surface. With the basic rotation function the TNC compensates the measured value.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the programmed touch point **1**. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the defined traverse direction.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves to the next starting position **2** and probes the second position.
- 4 The TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and performs the basic rotation.



### Please note while programming:



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.  
The TNC will reset an active basic rotation at the beginning of the cycle.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

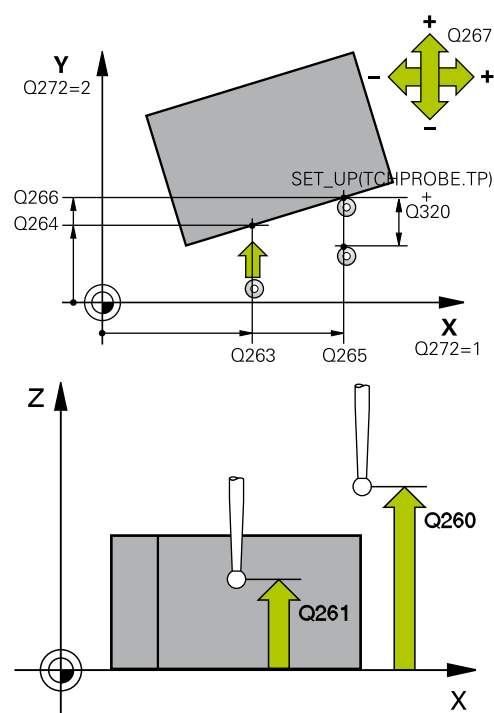
Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q265 2nd measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q266 2nd measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Measuring axis (1=1st / 2=2nd)?**: Axis in the working plane in which the measurement is to be made:
  - 1: Reference axis = measuring axis
  - 2: Minor axis = measuring axis
- ▶ **Q267 Trav. direction 1 (+1=+ / -1=-)?**: Direction in which the probe is to approach the workpiece:
  - 1: Negative traverse direction
  - +1: Positive traverse direction
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 400 BASIC ROTATION	
Q263=+10	;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS
Q264=+3.5	;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS
Q265=+25	;2ND POINT 1ST AXIS
Q266=+2	;2ND PNT IN 2ND AXIS
Q272=+2	;MEASURING AXIS
Q267=+1	;TRAVERSE DIRECTION
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q307=0	;PRESET ROTATION ANG.
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE

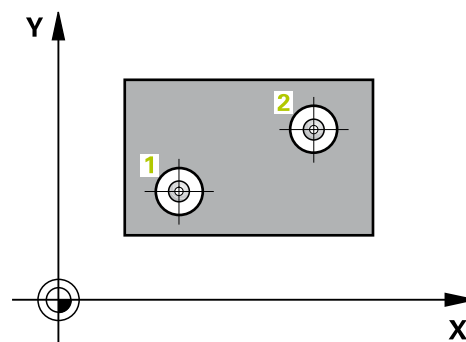
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q307 Preset value for rotation angle** (absolute):  
If the misalignment is to be measured against a straight line other than the reference axis, enter the angle of this reference line. The TNC will then calculate the difference between the value measured and the angle of the reference line for the basic rotation. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q305 Preset number in table?**: Enter the number in the preset table in which the TNC is to save the measured basic rotation. If you enter Q305=0, the TNC automatically places the determined basic rotation in the ROT menu of the Manual Operation mode. Input range 0 to 99999

### 13.3 BASIC ROTATION over two holes (Cycle 401, DIN/ISO: G401, software option 17)

#### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 401 measures the centers of two holes. Then the TNC calculates the angle between the reference axis in the working plane and the line connecting the hole centers. With the basic rotation function, the TNC compensates the calculated value. As an alternative, you can also compensate the determined misalignment by rotating the rotary table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the center of the first hole **1**.
- 2 Then the probe moves to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the first hole center.
- 3 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then to the position entered as center of the second hole **2**.
- 4 The TNC moves the touch probe to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the second hole center.
- 5 Then the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and performs the basic rotation.



**Please note while programming:**



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

The TNC will reset an active basic rotation at the beginning of the cycle.

If you want to compensate the misalignment by rotating the rotary table, the TNC will automatically use the following rotary axes:

- C for tool axis Z
- B for tool axis Y
- A for tool axis X

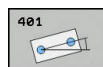
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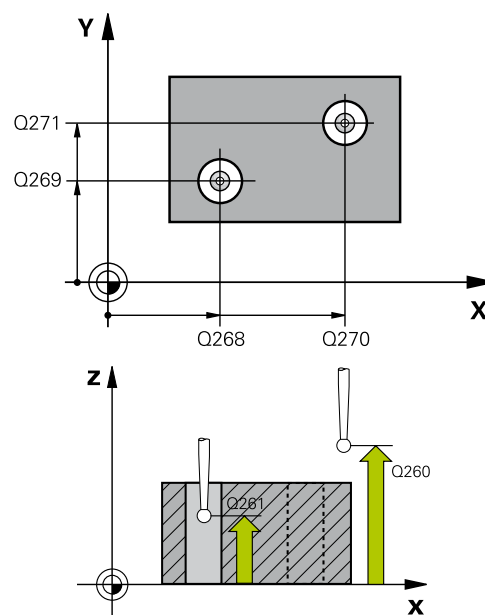
Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q268 1st hole: center in 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Center of the first hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q269 1st hole: center in 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Center of the first hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q270 2nd hole: center in 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Center of the second hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q271 2nd hole: center in 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Center of the second hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q307 Preset value for rotation angle** (absolute):  
If the misalignment is to be measured against a straight line other than the reference axis, enter the angle of this reference line. The TNC will then calculate the difference between the value measured and the angle of the reference line for the basic rotation. Input range -360.000 to 360.000



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 401 ROT OF 2 HOLES

Q268=-37	;1ST CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q269=+12	;1ST CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q270=+75	;2ND CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q271=+20	;2ND CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q307=0	;PRESET ROTATION ANG.
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q402=0	;COMPENSATION
Q337=0	;SET TO ZERO

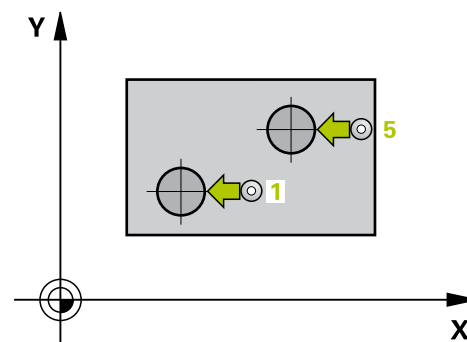
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?** Enter the number of a row from the preset table. The TNC enters the specific entry in this row: Input range: 0 to 99999  
**Q305 = 0:** The rotary axis is set to zero in row 0 of the preset table. An entry is therefore made in the **OFFSET** column. (Example: An entry is made in **C\_OFFS** with tool axis Z). Additionally, all other values (X, Y, Z, etc.) of the currently active preset are saved in row 0 of the preset table. The preset from row 0 is also activated.  
**Q305 > 0:** The rotary axis is set to zero in the row of the preset table specified here. An entry is therefore made in the specific **OFFSET** column of the preset table. (Example: An entry is made in **C\_OFFS** with tool axis Z).  
**Q305 depends on the following parameters:**  
**Q337 = 0** and simultaneously **Q402 = 0:** A basic rotation is set in the row specified by Q305. (Example: With tool axis Z, a basic rotation entry is made in column **SPC**)  
**Q337 = 0** and simultaneously **Q402 = 1:** Parameter Q305 is not effective  
**Q337 = 1** Parameter Q305 is effective as described above
- ▶ **Q402 Basic rotation/alignment (0/1):** Define whether the TNC sets the measured misalignment as basic rotation or aligns it via rotary table rotation:  
**0:** Set basic rotation: Here the TNC saves the basic rotation (Example: With tool axis Z the TNC uses the column **SPC**)  
**1:** Perform rotary table rotation: An entry is made into the specific **Offset** column of the preset table (Example: With tool axis Z the TNC uses the column **C\_Offs**), the specific axis also rotates
- ▶ **Q337 Set to zero after alignment?:** Define whether the TNC sets the position display of the specific rotary axis after alignment to 0:  
**0:** After alignment the position display is not set to 0  
**1:** After alignment the position display is set to 0 if you previously defined **Q402=1**

## 13.4 BASIC ROTATION over two studs (Cycle 402, DIN/ISO: G402, software option 17)

### Cycle run

The Touch Probe Cycle 402 measures the centers of two studs. Then the TNC calculates the angle between the reference axis in the working plane and the line connecting the two stud centers. With the basic rotation function, the TNC compensates the calculated value. As an alternative, you can also compensate the determined misalignment by rotating the rotary table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from FMAX column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1** of the first stud.
- 2 Then the probe moves to the entered **measuring height 1** and probes four points to find the center of the first stud. The touch probe moves on a circular arc between the touch points, each of which is offset by 90°.
- 3 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then positions the probe to starting point **5** of the second stud.
- 4 The probe moves to the entered **measuring height 2** and probes four points to find the center of the second stud.
- 5 Then the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and performs the basic rotation.



**Please note while programming:**



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

The TNC will reset an active basic rotation at the beginning of the cycle.

If you want to compensate the misalignment by rotating the rotary table, the TNC will automatically use the following rotary axes:

- C for tool axis Z
- B for tool axis Y
- A for tool axis X

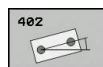
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**Danger of collision!**

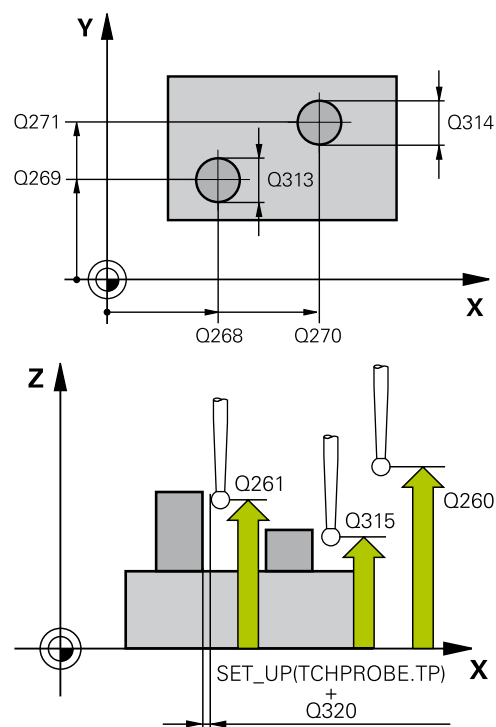
Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q268 1st stud: center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the first stud in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q269 1st stud: center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the first stud in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q313 Diameter of stud 1?** Approximate diameter of the 1st stud. Enter a value that is more likely to be too large than too small. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Meas. height stud 1 in TS axis?** (absolute): coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point in the touch probe axis) at which stud 1 is to be measured. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q270 2nd stud: center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the second stud in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q271 2nd stud: center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the second stud in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q314 Diameter of stud 2?** Approximate diameter of the 2nd stud. Enter a value that is more likely to be too large than too small. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q315 Meas. height stud 2 in TS axis?** (absolute): coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point in the touch probe axis) at which stud 2 is to be measured. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?** Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0:** Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1:** Move at clearance height between measuring points



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 402 ROT OF 2 STUDS

Q268=-37	;1ST CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q269=+12	;1ST CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q313=60	;DIAMETER OF STUD 1
Q261=-5	;MEAS. HEIGHT STUD 1
Q270=+75	;2ND CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q271=+20	;2ND CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q314=60	;DIAMETER OF STUD 2
Q315=-5	;MEAS. HEIGHT STUD 2
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q307=0	;PRESET ROTATION ANG.
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q402=0	;COMPENSATION
Q337=0	;SET TO ZERO

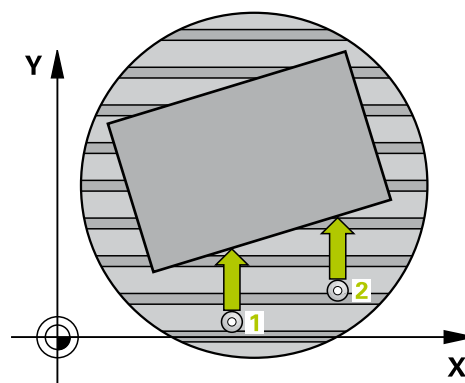
- ▶ **Q307 Preset value for rotation angle** (absolute):  
If the misalignment is to be measured against a straight line other than the reference axis, enter the angle of this reference line. The TNC will then calculate the difference between the value measured and the angle of the reference line for the basic rotation. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?** Enter the number of a row from the preset table. The TNC enters the specific entry in this row: Input range: 0 to 99999  
**Q305 = 0:** The rotary axis is set to zero in row 0 of the preset table. An entry is therefore made in the **OFFSET** column. (Example: An entry is made in **C\_OFFS** with tool axis Z). Additionally, all other values (X, Y, Z, etc.) of the currently active preset are saved in row 0 of the preset table. The preset from row 0 is also activated.  
**Q305 > 0:** The rotary axis is set to zero in the row of the preset table specified here. An entry is therefore made in the specific **OFFSET** column of the preset table. (Example: An entry is made in **C\_OFFS** with tool axis Z).  
**Q305 depends on the following parameters:**  
**Q337 = 0** and simultaneously **Q402 = 0:** A basic rotation is set in the row specified by Q305. (Example: With tool axis Z, a basic rotation entry is made in column **SPC**)  
**Q337 = 0** and simultaneously **Q402 = 1:** Parameter Q305 is not effective  
**Q337 = 1** Parameter Q305 is effective as described above
- ▶ **Q402 Basic rotation/alignment (0/1):** Define whether the TNC sets the measured misalignment as basic rotation or aligns it via rotary table rotation:  
**0:** Set basic rotation: Here the TNC saves the basic rotation (Example: With tool axis Z the TNC uses the column **SPC**)  
**1:** Perform rotary table rotation: An entry is made into the specific **Offset** column of the preset table (Example: With tool axis Z the TNC uses the column **C\_Offs**), the specific axis also rotates
- ▶ **Q337 Set to zero after alignment?:** Define whether the TNC sets the position display of the specific rotary axis after alignment to 0:  
**0:** After alignment the position display is not set to 0  
**1:** After alignment the position display is set to 0 if you previously defined **Q402=1**

## 13.5 BASIC ROTATION compensation via rotary axis (Cycle 403, DIN/ISO: G403, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch probe cycle 403 determines a workpiece misalignment by measuring two points, which must lie on a straight line. The TNC compensates the determined misalignment by rotating the A, B or C axis. The workpiece can be clamped in any position on the rotary table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the programmed touch point **1**. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the defined traverse direction.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves to the next starting position **2** and probes the second position.
- 4 The TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and rotates the rotary axis, which was defined in the cycle, by the measured value. Optionally you can specify whether the TNC is to set the determined rotation angle to 0 in the preset table or in the datum table.



**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

A collision may occur if the TNC automatically positions the rotary axis.

- ▶ Check for possible collisions between the tool and any elements positioned on the table
- ▶ Select the clearance height to prevent collisions

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

If you enter the value 0 in parameter Q312 Axis for compensating movement?, the cycle automatically determines the rotary axis to be aligned (recommended setting). Depending on the sequence of the probing points, an angle is determined. The measured angle goes from the first to the second probing point. If you select the A, B or C axis as compensation axis in parameter Q312, the cycle determines the angle, regardless of the sequence of the probing points. The calculated angle lies in the range from  $-90^{\circ}$  to  $+90^{\circ}$ .

- ▶ After alignment, check the position of the rotary axis.

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



- ▶ **Q312 Axis for compensating movement?:** Define with which rotary axis the TNC is to compensate the measured misalignment:
  - 0:** Automatic mode—the TNC uses the active kinematics to determine the rotary axis to be aligned. In Automatic mode the first rotary axis of the table (as viewed from the workpiece) is used as compensation axis. Recommended setting.
  - 4:** Compensate misalignment with rotary axis A
  - 5:** Compensate misalignment with rotary axis B
  - 6:** Compensate misalignment with rotary axis C
- ▶ **Q337 Set to zero after alignment?:** Define whether the TNC should set the angle of the aligned rotary axis to 0 in the preset table or in the datum table after the alignment.
  - 0:** Do not set the angle of the rotary axis to 0 in the table after alignment
  - 1:** Set the angle of the rotary axis to 0 in the table after alignment
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?** Enter the number in the preset table in which the TNC is to enter the basic rotation. Input range 0 to 99999
  - Q305 = 0:** The rotary axis is set to zero in number 0 of the preset table. An entry is made in the **OFFSET** column. Additionally, all other values (X, Y, Z, etc.) of the currently active preset are saved in row 0 of the preset table. The preset from row 0 is also activated.
  - Q305 > 0:** Specify the row of the preset table in which the TNC should set the rotary axis to zero. An entry is made in the **OFFSET** column of the preset table.
  - Q305 depends on the following parameters:**
    - Q337 = 0** Parameter Q305 is not effective
    - Q337 = 1** Parameter Q305 is effective as described above
    - Q312 = 0:** Parameter Q305 is effective as described above
    - Q312 > 0:** The entry in Q305 is ignored. An entry is made in the **OFFSET** column in the row of the preset table active when the cycle is called
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?:** Specify if the determined basic rotation is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:
  - 0:** Write the measured basic rotation as datum shift in the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system
  - 1:** Write the measured basic rotation into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q380 Ref. angle in ref. axis?:** Angle with which the TNC is to align the probed straight line. Only effective if the rotary axis = Automatic mode or C is selected (Q312 = 0 or 6). Input range -360.000 to 360.000

## 13.6 SET BASIC ROTATION (Cycle 404, DIN/ISO: G404, software option 17)

### Cycle run

With Touch Probe Cycle 404, during program run you can automatically set any basic rotation or save it to the preset table. You can also use Cycle 404 if you want to reset an active basic rotation.

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

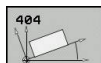
### NC blocks

**5 TCH PROBE 404 SET BASIC ROTATION**

**Q307=+0 ;PRESET ROTATION ANG.**

**Q305=-1 ;NUMBER IN TABLE**

### Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q307 Preset value for rotation angle:** Angular value at which the basic rotation is to be set. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q305 Preset number in table?:** Enter the number in the preset table in which the TNC is to save the measured basic rotation. Input range -1 to 99999 If you enter Q305=0 or Q305=-1, the TNC additionally places the determined basic rotation in the basic rotation menu (**Probing Rot**) of the **Manual Operation** mode.
  - 1 = Overwrite and activate the active preset
  - 0 = Copy the active preset to preset row 0, write the basic rotation to preset row 0 and activate preset 0
  - >1 = Save the basic rotation to the specified preset. The preset is not activated

## 13.7 Compensating workpiece misalignment by rotating the C axis (Cycle 405, DIN/ISO: G405, software option 17)

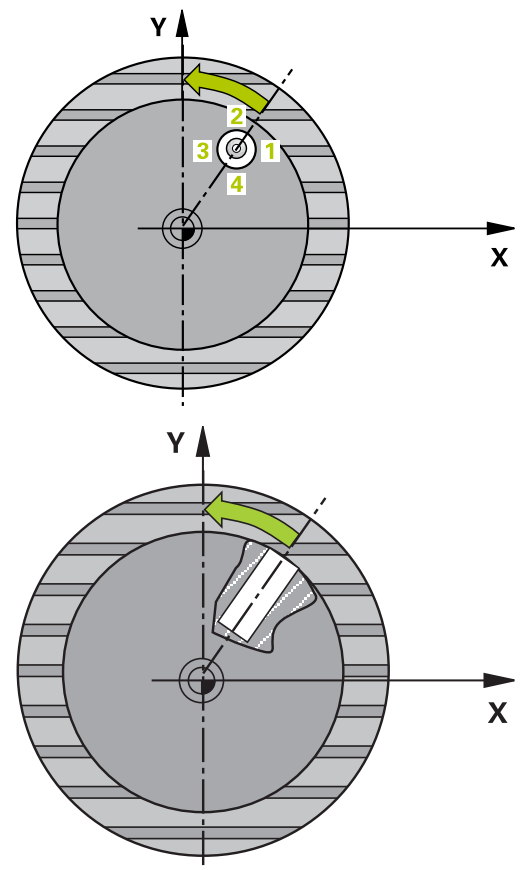
### Cycle run

With Touch Probe Cycle 405, you can measure

- the angular offset between the positive Y axis of the active coordinate system and the center of a hole, or
- the angular offset between the nominal position and the actual position of a hole center.

The TNC compensates the determined angular offset by rotating the C axis. The workpiece can be clamped in any position on the rotary table, but the Y coordinate of the hole must be positive. If you measure the angular misalignment of the hole with touch probe axis Y (horizontal position of the hole), it may be necessary to execute the cycle more than once because the measuring strategy causes an inaccuracy of approx. 1% of the misalignment.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The TNC derives the probing direction automatically from the programmed starting angle.
- 3 Then the touch probe moves in a circular arc either at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the touch probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points and positions the touch probe on the hole center measured.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and aligns the workpiece by rotating the table. The TNC rotates the rotary table so that the hole center after compensation lies in the direction of the positive Y axis, or on the nominal position of the hole center—both with a vertical and horizontal touch probe axis. The measured angular misalignment is also available in parameter Q150.



**Please note while programming:**



- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.
- ▶ The smaller the angle, the less accurately the TNC can calculate the circle center. Minimum input value: 5°

### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

If the dimensions of the pocket and the safety clearance do not permit pre-positioning in the proximity of the touch points, the TNC always starts probing from the center of the pocket. In this case the touch probe does not return to the clearance height between the four measuring points.

- ▶ Make sure that there is no material in the pocket/hole
- ▶ To prevent a collision between the touch probe and the workpiece, enter a **low** estimate for the nominal diameter of the pocket (or hole).

### NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

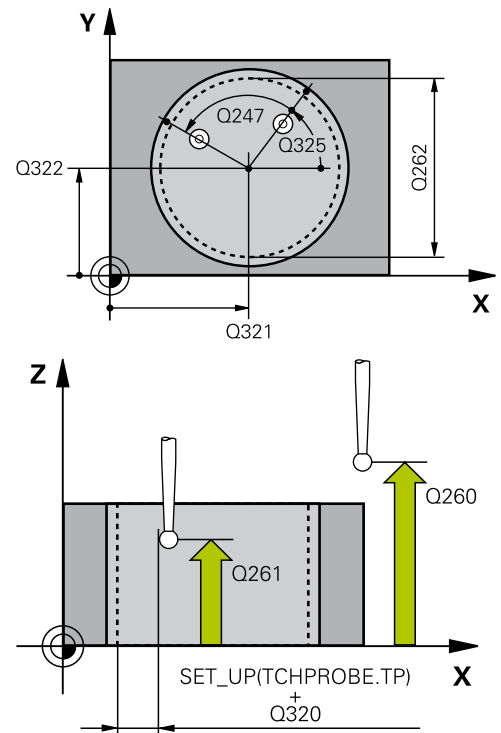
Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the hole in the minor axis of the working plane. If you program Q322 = 0, the TNC aligns the hole center to the positive Y axis. If you program Q322 not equal to 0, then the TNC aligns the hole center to the nominal position (angle of the hole center). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Approximate diameter of the circular pocket (or hole). Enter a value that is more likely to be too small than too large. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q325 Starting angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q247 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle between two measuring points. The algebraic sign of the stepping angle determines the direction of rotation (negative = clockwise) in which the touch probe moves to the next measuring point. If you wish to probe a circular arc instead of a complete circle, then program the stepping angle to be less than 90°. Input range -120.000 to 120.000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q337 Set to zero after alignment?**:
  - 0**: Set display of the C axis to 0 and write the **C\_Offset** of the active row in the datum table
  - >0**: Write the measured angular offset in the datum table. Row number = value of Q337. If a C-axis shift is registered in the datum table, the TNC adds the measured angular misalignment.

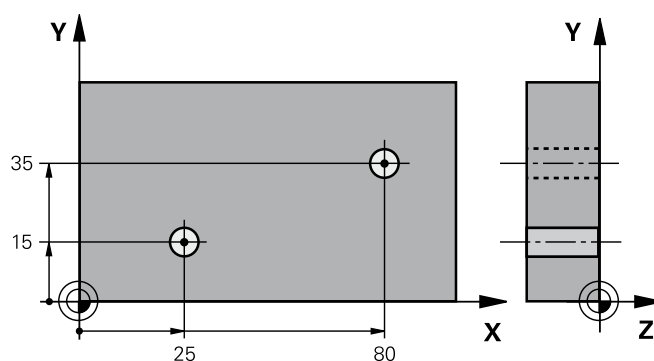


## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 405 ROT IN C AXIS

Q321=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q322=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q262=10	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q325=+0	;STARTING ANGLE
Q247=90	;STEPPING ANGLE
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q337=0	;SET TO ZERO

### 13.8 Example: Determining a basic rotation from two holes



0 BEGIN P GM CYC401 MM		
1 TOOL CALL 69 Z		
2 TCH PROBE 401 ROT OF 2 HOLES		
Q268=+25	;1ST CENTER 1ST AXIS	Center of the 1st hole: X coordinate
Q269=+15	;1ST CENTER 2ND AXIS	Center of the 1st hole: Y coordinate
Q270=+80	;2ND CENTER 1ST AXIS	Center of the 2nd hole: X coordinate
Q271=+35	;2ND CENTER 2ND AXIS	Center of the 2nd hole: Y coordinate
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT	Coordinate in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is made
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	Height in the touch probe axis at which the probe can traverse without collision
Q307=+0	;PRESET ROTATION ANG.	Angle of the reference line
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE	
Q402=1	;COMPENSATION	Compensate misalignment by rotating the rotary table
Q337=1	;SET TO ZERO	Set the display to zero after the alignment
3 CALL PGM 35K47		
4 END PGM CYC401 MM		

# 14

**Touch Probe  
Cycles: Automatic  
Presetting**

## 14.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.







- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand









The control must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for the use of a 3-D touch probe. HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.

The TNC offers twelve cycles for automatically finding presets and handling them as follows:

- Setting the determined values directly as display values
- Entering the determined values in the preset table
- Entering the determined values in a datum table

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	408 SLOT CENTER REF PT. Measuring the inside width of a slot, and defining the slot center as preset	372
	409 RIDGE CENTER REF PT. Measuring the outside width of a ridge, and defining the ridge center as preset	376
	410 DATUM INSIDE RECTANGLE Measuring the inside length and width of a rectangle, and defining the center as preset	380
	411 DATUM OUTSIDE RECTANGLE Measuring the outside length and width of a rectangle, and defining the center as preset	384
	412 DATUM INSIDE CIRCLE Measuring any four points on the inside of a circle, and defining the center as preset	388
	413 DATUM OUTSIDE CIRCLE Measuring any four points on the outside of a circle, and defining the center as preset	393

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	414 DATUM OUTSIDE CORNER Measuring two lines from the outside of the angle, and defining the intersection as preset	398
	415 DATUM INSIDE CORNER Measuring two lines from within the angle, and defining the intersection as preset	403
	416 DATUM CIRCLE CENTER (2nd soft-key level) Measuring any three holes on a bolt hole circle, and defining the bolt-hole center as preset	408
	417 DATUM IN TS AXIS (2nd soft-key level) Measuring any position in the touch probe axis and defining it as preset	412
	418 DATUM FROM 4 HOLES (2nd soft-key level) Measuring 4 holes crosswise and defining the intersection of the lines between them as preset	414
	419 DATUM IN ONE AXIS (2nd soft-key row) Measuring any position in any axis and defining it as preset	418

## Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting



You can also run the Touch Probe Cycles 408 to 419 during an active rotation (basic rotation or Cycle 10).

### Touch-probe axis and presets

From the touch probe axis that you have defined in the measuring program the TNC determines the working plane for the preset.

Active touch probe axis	Set preset in
Z	X and Y
Y	Z and X
X	Y and Z

### Saving the calculated preset

In all cycles for presetting you can use the input parameters Q303 and Q305 to define how the TNC is to save the calculated preset:

- **Q305 = 0, Q303 = any value:** The TNC sets the calculated preset in the display. The new preset is active immediately. At the same time, the TNC saves the preset set in the display by the cycle in line 0 of the preset table.
- **Q305 not equal to 0, Q303 = -1**



This combination can only occur if you

- read in programs containing Cycles 410 to 418 created on a TNC 4xx
- read in programs containing Cycles 410 to 418 created with an older software version on an iTNC 530
- did not specifically define the measured-value transfer with parameter Q303 when defining the cycle.

In these cases the TNC outputs an error message, since the complete handling of REF-referenced datum tables has changed. You must define a measured-value transfer yourself with parameter Q303.

- **Q305 not equal to 0, Q303 = 0** The TNC writes the calculated preset in the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system. The value of parameter Q305 determines the datum number. **Activate the datum with Cycle 7 in the part program.**
- **Q305 not equal to 0, Q303 = 1** The TNC writes the calculated preset in the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF coordinates). The value of parameter Q305 determines the preset number. **Activate the preset with Cycle 247 in the part program.**

### Measurement results in Q parameters

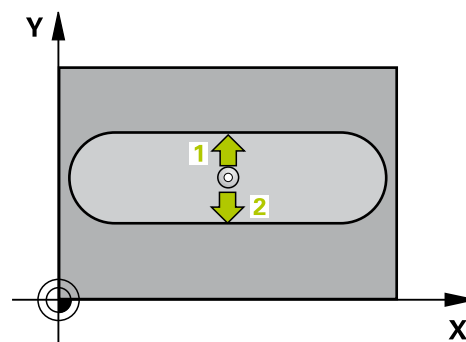
The TNC saves the measurement results of the respective touch probe cycle in the globally effective Q parameters Q150 to Q160. You can use these parameters in your program. Note the table of result parameters listed with every cycle description.

## 14.2 SLOT CENTER PRESET (Cycle 408, DIN/ISO: G408, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 408 finds the center of a slot and defines its center as a preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves either paraxially at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the actual values in the Q parameters listed below.
- 5 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q166	Actual value of measured slot width
Q157	Actual value of the centerline

**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

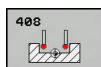
**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

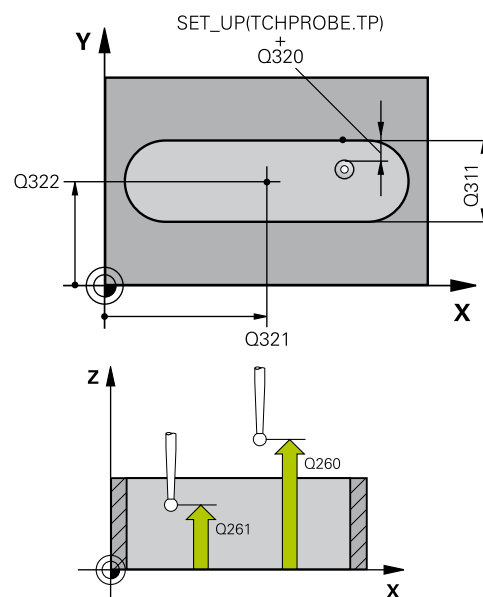
To prevent a collision between touch probe and workpiece, enter a **low** estimate for the slot width. If the slot width and the safety clearance do not permit pre-positioning in the proximity of the touch points, the TNC always starts probing from the center of the slot. In this case the touch probe does not return to the clearance height between the two measuring points.

- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the slot in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the slot in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q311 Width of slot?** (incremental): Width of the slot, regardless of its position in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Measuring axis (1=1st / 2=2nd)?**: Axis in the working plane in which the measurement is to be made:
  - 1: Reference axis = measuring axis
  - 2: Minor axis = measuring axis
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0: Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:
  - Q303 = 1**: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation
  - Q303 = 0**: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q405 New preset?** (absolute): Coordinate in the measuring axis at which the TNC should set the calculated slot center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 408 SLOT CENTER PRESET	
Q321=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q322=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q311=25	;SLOT WIDTH
Q272=1	;MEASURING AXIS
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q305=10	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q405=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET

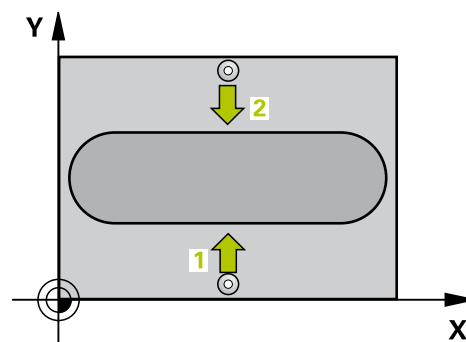
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify if the determined basic rotation is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**0**: Write the measured basic rotation as datum shift in the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1**: Write the measured basic rotation into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1)**: Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
**0**: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
**1**: Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

### 14.3 RIDGE CENTER PRESET (Cycle 409, DIN/ISO: G409, software option 17)

#### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 409 finds the center of a ridge and defines its center as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves at clearance height to the next touch point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the actual values in the Q parameters listed below.
- 5 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q166	Actual value of measured ridge width
Q157	Actual value of the centerline

**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

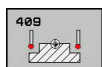
**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

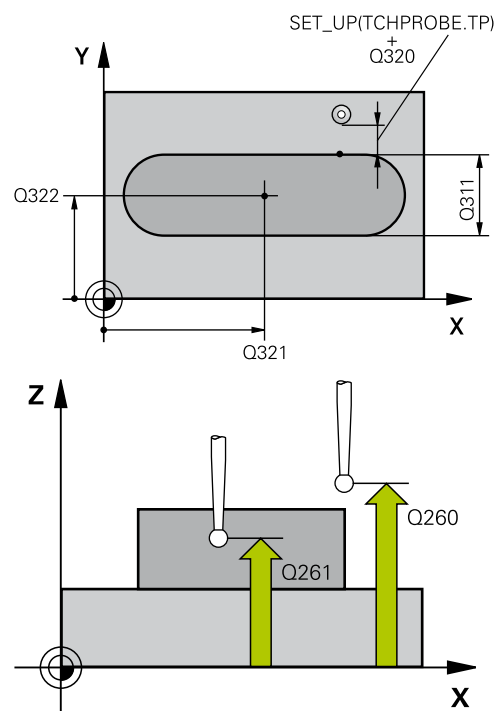
To prevent a collision between touch probe and workpiece, enter a **high** estimate for the ridge width.

- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the ridge in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the ridge in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q311 Ridge width?** (incremental): Width of the ridge, regardless of its position in the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Measuring axis (1=1st / 2=2nd)?**: Axis in the working plane in which the measurement is to be made:
  - 1: Reference axis = measuring axis
  - 2: Minor axis = measuring axis
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:
  - Q303 = 1**: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation
  - Q303 = 0**: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 409 RIDGE CENTER PRESET	
Q321=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q322=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q311=25	;RIDGE WIDTH
Q272=1	;MEASURING AXIS
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q305=10	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q405=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER

- ▶ **Q405 New preset?** (absolute): Coordinate in the measuring axis at which the TNC should set the calculated ridge center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify if the determined basic rotation is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**0**: Write the measured basic rotation as datum shift in the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1**: Write the measured basic rotation into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1)**: Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
**0**: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
**1**: Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

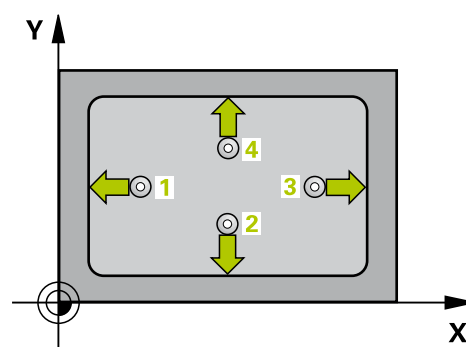
<b>Q381=1</b>	<b>;PROBE IN TS AXIS</b>
<b>Q382=+85</b>	<b>;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS</b>
<b>Q383=+50</b>	<b>;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS</b>
<b>Q384=+0</b>	<b>;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS</b>
<b>Q333=+1</b>	<b>;PRESET</b>

## 14.4 PRESET FROM INSIDE OF RECTANGLE (Cycle 410, DIN/ISO: G410, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 410 finds the center of a rectangular pocket and defines its center as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves either paraxially at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370).
- 6 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing and saves the actual values in the following Q parameters.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q154	Actual value of length in the reference axis
Q155	Actual value of length in the minor axis

**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

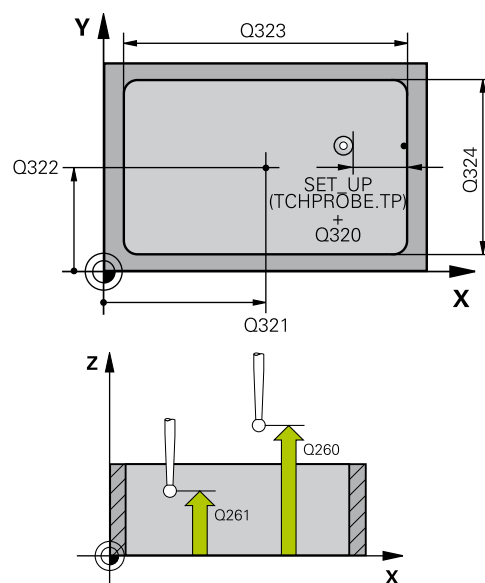
To prevent a collision between touch probe and workpiece, enter **low** estimates for the lengths of the first and second sides. If the dimensions of the pocket and the safety clearance do not permit pre-positioning in the proximity of the touch points, the TNC always starts probing from the center of the pocket. In this case the touch probe does not return to the clearance height between the four measuring points.

- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the pocket in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the pocket in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q323 First side length?** (incremental): Pocket length, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q324 Second side length?** (incremental): Pocket length, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
**Q303 = 1**: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0**: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the pocket center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the pocket center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 410 PRESET INSIDE RECTAN	
Q321=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q322=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q323=60	;FIRST SIDE LENGTH
Q324=20	;2ND SIDE LENGTH
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q305=10	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET

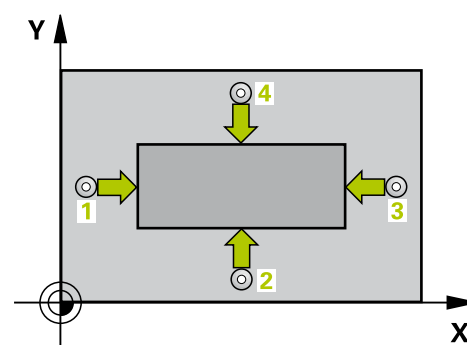
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?:** Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**-1:** Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
**0:** Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1:** Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1):** Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
**0:** Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
**1:** Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis? (absolute):** Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis? (absolute):** Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis? (absolute):** Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis? (absolute):** Coordinate at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

## 14.5 PRESET FROM OUTSIDE OF RECTANGLE (Cycle 411, DIN/ISO: G411, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 411 finds the center of a rectangular stud and defines its center as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves either paraxially at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370).
- 6 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing and saves the actual values in the following Q parameters.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q154	Actual value of length in the reference axis
Q155	Actual value of length in the minor axis

**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

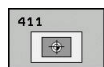
**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

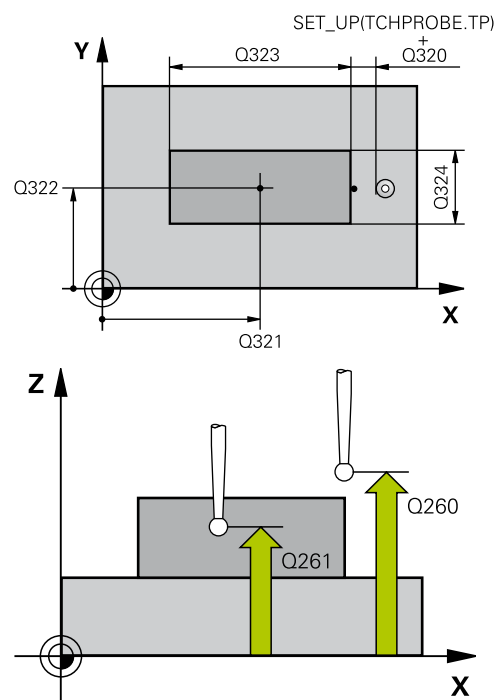
To prevent a collision between touch probe and workpiece, enter **high** estimates for the lengths of the 1st and 2nd sides.

- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q323 First side length?** (incremental): Stud length, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q324 Second side length?** (incremental): Stud length, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
**Q303 = 1**: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0**: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the stud center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the stud center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 411 PRESET OUTS. RECTAN

Q321=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q322=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q323=60	;FIRST SIDE LENGTH
Q324=20	;2ND SIDE LENGTH
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET

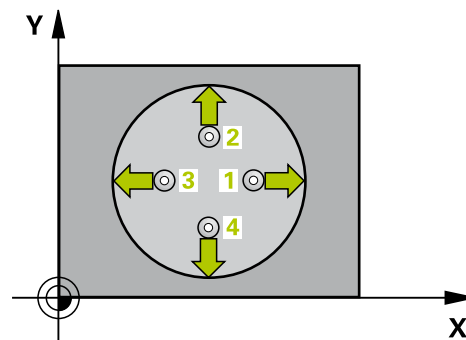
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:
  - 1: Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)
  - 0: Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system
  - 1: Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1)**: Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:
  - 0: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis
  - 1: Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

## 14.6 PRESET FROM INSIDE OF CIRCLE (Cycle 412, DIN/ISO: G412, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 412 finds the center of a circular pocket (or of a hole) and defines its center as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The TNC derives the probing direction automatically from the programmed starting angle.
- 3 Then the touch probe moves in a circular arc either at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the actual values in the Q parameters listed below.
- 6 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q153	Actual value of diameter

**Please note while programming:**



- ▶ The smaller the angle increment Q247, the less accurately the TNC can calculate the preset. Minimum input value: 5°
- ▶ Program a stepping angle to be less than 90°; input range -120° to 120°

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

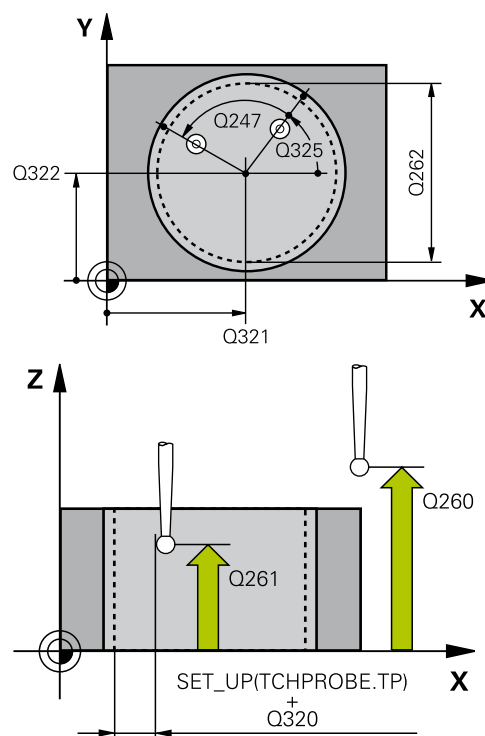
To prevent a collision between the touch probe and the workpiece, enter a **low** estimate for the nominal diameter of the pocket (or hole). If the dimensions of the pocket and the safety clearance do not permit pre-positioning in the proximity of the touch points, the TNC always starts probing from the center of the pocket. In this case the touch probe does not return to the clearance height between the four measuring points.

- ▶ Positioning of the touch points
- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the pocket in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the pocket in the minor axis of the working plane. If you program  $Q322 = 0$ , the TNC aligns the hole center to the positive Y axis. If you program  $Q322$  not equal to 0, then the TNC aligns the hole center to the nominal position. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Approximate diameter of the circular pocket (or hole). Enter a value that is more likely to be too small than too large. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q325 Starting angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q247 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle between two measuring points. The algebraic sign of the stepping angle determines the direction of rotation (negative = clockwise) in which the touch probe moves to the next measuring point. If you wish to probe a circular arc instead of a complete circle, then program the stepping angle to be less than  $90^\circ$ . Input range -120.000 to 120.000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip.  $Q320$  is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 412 PRESET INSIDE CIRCLE

<b>Q321=+50</b>	<b>;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS</b>
<b>Q322=+50</b>	<b>;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS</b>
<b>Q262=75</b>	<b>;NOMINAL DIAMETER</b>
<b>Q325=+0</b>	<b>;STARTING ANGLE</b>
<b>Q247=+60</b>	<b>;STEPPING ANGLE</b>
<b>Q261=-5</b>	<b>;MEASURING HEIGHT</b>
<b>Q320=0</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q260=+20</b>	<b>;CLEARANCE HEIGHT</b>
<b>Q301=0</b>	<b>;MOVE TO CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q305=12</b>	<b>;NUMBER IN TABLE</b>

- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
**Q303 = 1**: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0**: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the pocket center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the pocket center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**-1**: Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
**0**: Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1**: Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).

Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q365=1	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE

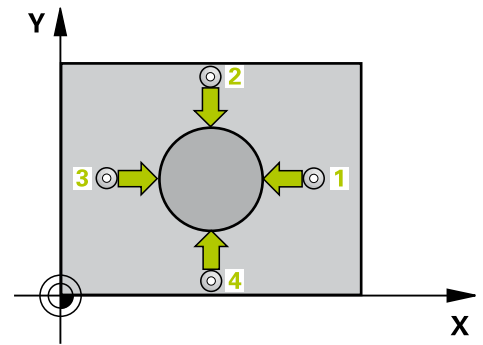
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1):** Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
**0:** Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
**1:** Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis? (absolute):**  
 Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis? (absolute):**  
 Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis? (absolute):**  
 Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis? (absolute):**  
 Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q423 No. probe points in plane (4/3)?:** Define whether the TNC should measure the stud with 4 or 3 probing points:  
**4:** Use 4 measuring points (standard setting)  
**3:** Use 3 measuring points
- ▶ **Q365 Type of traverse? Line=0/arc=1:** Definition of the path function with which the tool is to move between the measuring points if "traverse to clearance height" (Q301=1) is active:  
**0:** Move in a straight line between machining operations  
**1:** Move in a circular arc on the pitch circle diameter between machining operations

## 14.7 PRESET FROM OUTSIDE OF CIRCLE (Cycle 413, DIN/ISO: G413, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 413 finds the center of a circular stud and defines it as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The TNC derives the probing direction automatically from the programmed starting angle.
- 3 Then the touch probe moves in a circular arc either at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the actual values in the Q parameters listed below.
- 6 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q153	Actual value of diameter

**Please note while programming:**

- ▶ The smaller the angle increment Q247, the less accurately the TNC can calculate the preset. Minimum input value: 5°
- ▶ Program a stepping angle to be less than 90°; input range -120° to 120°

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

**NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

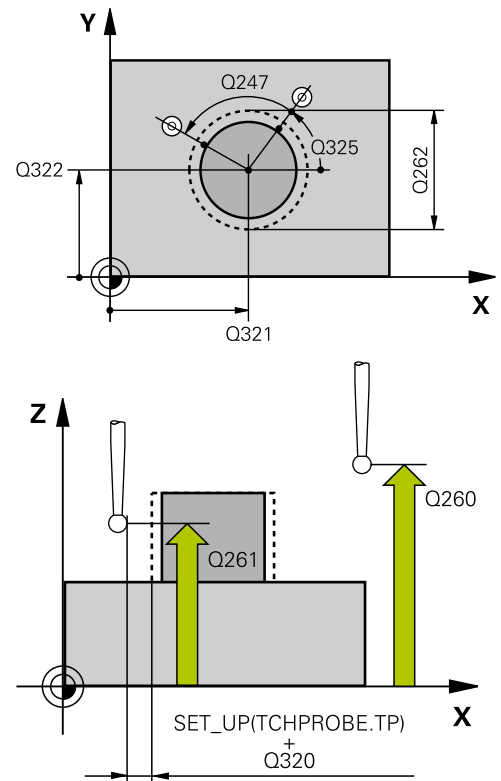
To prevent a collision between touch probe and workpiece, enter a **high** estimate for the nominal diameter of the stud.

- ▶ Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q321 Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q322 Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the minor axis of the working plane. If you program Q322 = 0, the TNC aligns the hole center to the positive Y axis. If you program Q322 not equal to 0, then the TNC aligns the hole center to the nominal position. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Approximate diameter of the stud. Enter a value that is more likely to be too large than too small. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q325 Starting angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q247 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle between two measuring points. The algebraic sign of the stepping angle determines the direction of rotation (negative = clockwise) in which the touch probe moves to the next measuring point. If you wish to probe a circular arc instead of a complete circle, then program the stepping angle to be less than 90°. Input range -120.000 to 120.000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 413 PRESET OUTS. CIRCLE

Q321=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q322=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q262=75	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q325=+0	;STARTING ANGLE
Q247=+60	;STEPPING ANGLE
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q305=15	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q365=1	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE

- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?:** Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
**Q303 = 1:** The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0:** The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis? (absolute):** Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the stud center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis? (absolute):** Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the stud center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?:** Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**-1:** Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
**0:** Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1:** Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1):** Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
**0:** Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
**1:** Set the preset in the touch probe axis

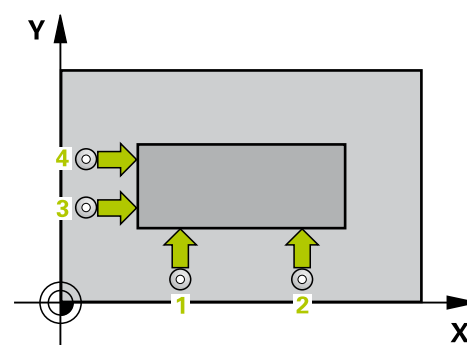
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q423 No. probe points in plane (4/3)?**: Define whether the TNC should measure the stud with 4 or 3 probing points:  
  - 4**: Use 4 measuring points (standard setting)
  - 3**: Use 3 measuring points
- ▶ **Q365 Type of traverse? Line=0/arc=1**: Definition of the path function with which the tool is to move between the measuring points if "traverse to clearance height" (Q301=1) is active:  
  - 0**: Move in a straight line between machining operations
  - 1**: Move in a circular arc on the pitch circle diameter between machining operations

## 14.8 PRESET FROM OUTSIDE OF CORNER (Cycle 414, DIN/ISO: G414, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 414 finds the intersection of two lines and defines it as the preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the intersection into a datum table or preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1** (see figure at upper right). The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the respective traverse direction.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The TNC derives the probing direction automatically from the programmed 3rd measuring point.
- 1 Then the touch probe moves to the next starting position **2** and from there probes the second position.
- 2 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 3 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the coordinates of the determined corner in the Q parameters listed below.
- 4 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of corner in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of corner in minor axis

Please note while programming:

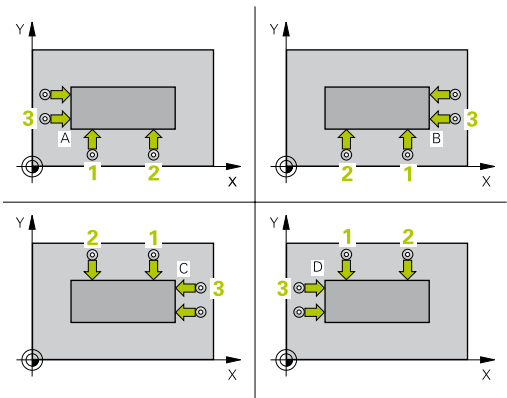
**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**  
Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.  
► Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**  
► Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

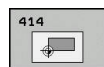
The TNC always measures the first line in the direction of the minor axis of the working plane.

By defining the positions of the measuring points **1** and **3** you also determine the corner at which the TNC sets the preset (see figure at right and table below).

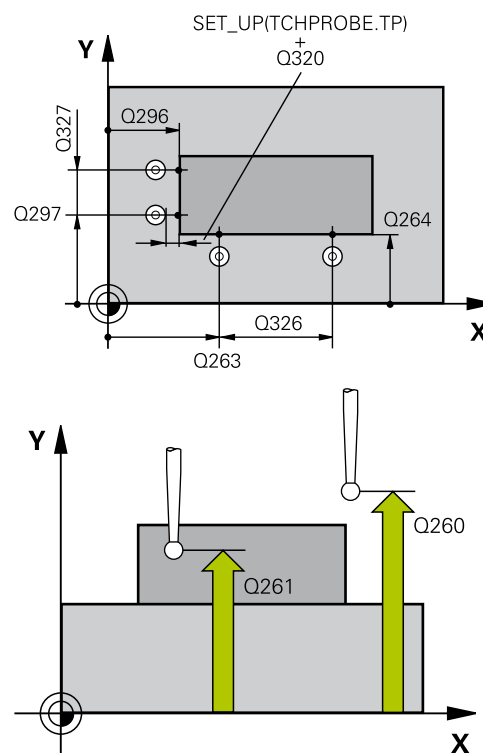


Corner	X coordinate	Y coordinate
A	Point 1 greater than point 3	Point 1 less than point 3
B	Point 1 less than point 3	Point 1 less than point 3
C	Point 1 less than point 3	Point 1 greater than point 3
D	Point 1 greater than point 3	Point 1 greater than point 3

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q326 Spacing in 1st axis?** (incremental): Distance between the first and second measuring points in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q296 3rd measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the third touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q297 3rd measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the third touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q327 Spacing in 2nd axis?** (incremental): Distance between third and fourth measuring points in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 414 PRESET INSIDE CORNER

**Q263=+37 ;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS**

**Q264=+7 ;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS**

**Q326=50 ;SPACING IN 1ST AXIS**

**Q296=+95 ;3RD PNT IN 1ST AXIS**

**Q297=+25 ;3RD PNT IN 2ND AXIS**

**Q327=45 ;SPACING IN 2ND AXIS**

**Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT**

**Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE**

**Q260=+20 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT**

**Q301=0 ;MOVE TO CLEARANCE**

**Q304=0 ;BASIC ROTATION**

**Q305=7 ;NUMBER IN TABLE**

**Q331=+0 ;PRESET**

- ▶ **Q304 Execute basic rotation (0/1)?**: Definition of whether the TNC should compensate workpiece misalignment with a basic rotation:  
**0**: Do not execute basic rotation  
**1**: Execute basic rotation
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the corner; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
Q303 = 1: The TNC writes to the preset table.  
If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
Q303 = 0: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the corner. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the corner. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**-1**: Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
**0**: Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1**: Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1)**: Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
**0**: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
**1**: Set the preset in the touch probe axis

Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET

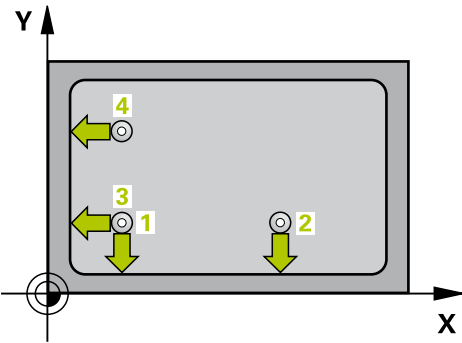
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

## 14.9 PRESET FROM INSIDE OF CORNER (Cycle 415, DIN/ISO: G415, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 415 finds the intersection of two lines and defines it as the preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the intersection into a datum table or preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1** (see figure at upper right) that you have defined in the cycle. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the respective traverse direction.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The probing direction is derived from the number by which you identify the corner.
- 1 Then the touch probe moves to the next starting position **2** and from there probes the second position.
- 2 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 3 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the coordinates of the determined corner in the Q parameters listed below.
- 4 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of corner in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of corner in minor axis

**Please note while programming:****NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



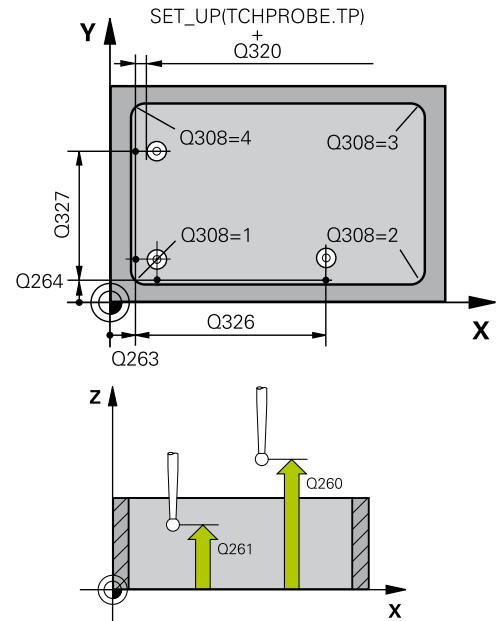
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

The TNC always measures the first line in the direction of the minor axis of the working plane.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q326 Spacing in 1st axis?** (incremental): Distance between the first and second measuring points in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q327 Spacing in 2nd axis?** (incremental): Distance between third and fourth measuring points in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q308 Corner? (1/2/3/4):** Number identifying the corner which the TNC is to set as preset. Input range 1 to 4
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0:** Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1:** Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q304 Execute basic rotation (0/1)?**: Definition of whether the TNC should compensate workpiece misalignment with a basic rotation:
  - 0:** Do not execute basic rotation
  - 1:** Execute basic rotation



### NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 415 PRESET OUTS. CORNER	
Q263=+37	;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS
Q264=+7	;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS
Q326=50	;SPACING IN 1ST AXIS
Q327=45	;SPACING IN 2ND AXIS
Q308=+1	;CORNER
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q304=0	;BASIC ROTATION
Q305=7	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET

- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?:** Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the corner; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
 Q303 = 1: The TNC writes to the preset table.  
 If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
 Q303 = 0: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis? (absolute):**  
 Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the corner. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis? (absolute):**  
 Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the corner. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?:** Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
 -1: Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
 0: Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
 1: Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1):** Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
 0: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
 1: Set the preset in the touch probe axis

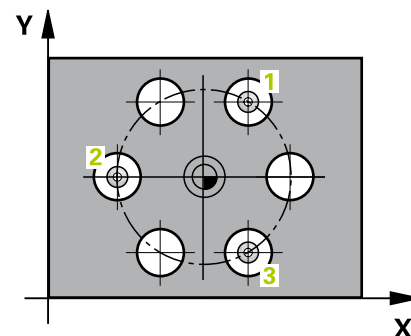
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

## 14.10 PRESET CIRCLE CENTER (Cycle 416, DIN/ISO: G416, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 416 finds the center of a bolt hole circle and defines its center as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the coordinates into a datum table or the preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the center of the first hole **1**.
- 2 Then the probe moves to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the first hole center.
- 3 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then to the position entered as center of the second hole **2**.
- 4 The TNC moves the touch probe to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the second hole center.
- 5 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then to the position entered as center of the third hole **3**.
- 6 The TNC moves the touch probe to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the third hole center.
- 7 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the actual values in the Q parameters listed below.
- 8 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q153	Actual value of bolt hole circle diameter

**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

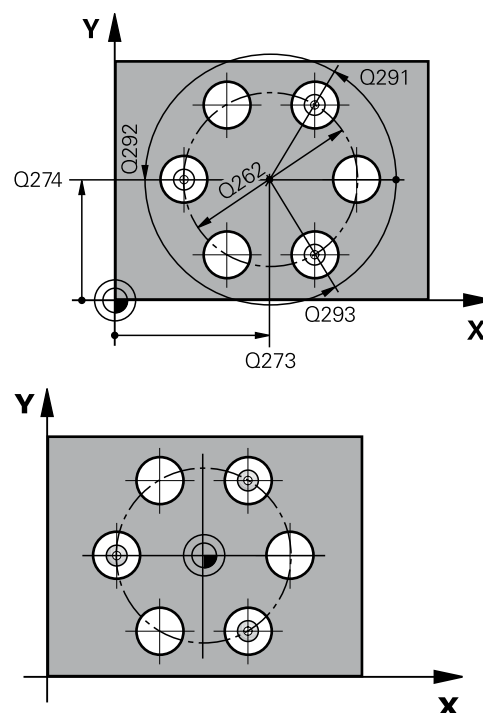


Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q273 Center in 1st axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Bolt hole circle center (nominal value) in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q274 Center in 2nd axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Bolt hole circle center (nominal value) in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Enter the approximate bolt hole circle diameter. The smaller the hole diameter, the more exact the nominal diameter must be. Input range -0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q291 Polar coord. angle of 1st hole?** (absolute): Polar coordinate angle of the first hole center in the working plane. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q292 Polar coord. angle of 2nd hole?** (absolute): Polar coordinate angle of the second hole center in the working plane. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q293 Polar coord. angle of 3rd hole?** (absolute): Polar coordinate angle of the third hole center in the working plane. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?**: Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the center point; input range 0 to 9999. The TNC writes the entry to the preset table or datum table depending on Q303:  
**Q303 = 1**: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0**: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis?** (absolute): Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the bolt hole circle center. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 416 PRESET CIRCLE CENTER	
Q273=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q274=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q262=90	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q291=+34	;ANGLE OF 1ST HOLE
Q292=+70	;ANGLE OF 2ND HOLE
Q293=+210	;ANGLE OF 3RD HOLE
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q305=12	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+1	;PRESET
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE

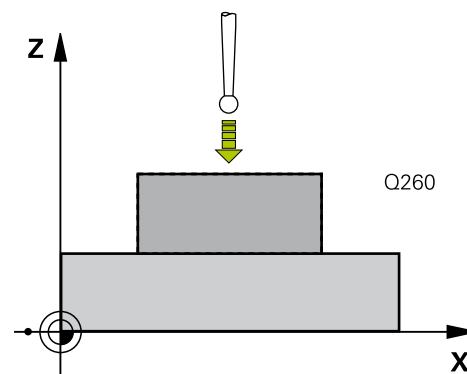
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the bolt hole circle center.  
Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
-1: Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
0: Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
1: Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1)**: Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
0: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis  
1: Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** (touch probe table), and is only effective when the preset is probed in the touch probe axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999

## 14.11 PRESET IN TOUCH PROBE AXIS (Cycle 417, DIN/ISO: G417, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 417 measures any coordinate in the touch probe axis and defines it as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the measured coordinate in a datum table or preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the programmed touch point **1**. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the positive direction of the touch probe axis.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves in its own axis to the coordinate entered as starting point **1** and measures the actual position with a simple probing movement.
- 3 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370) and saves the actual value in the Q parameters listed below.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q160	Actual value of measured point

### Please note while programming:

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

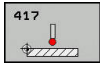
Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

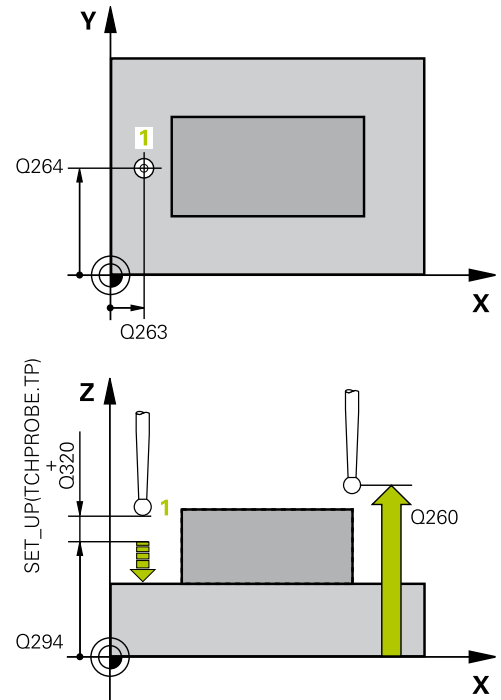


Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.  
The TNC then sets the preset in this axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q294 1st measuring point in 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the touch probe axis. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?:** Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates; input range 0 to 9999.  
**Q303 = 1:** The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0:** The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute): Coordinate at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?:** Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**-1:** Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
**0:** Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1:** Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).



### NC blocks

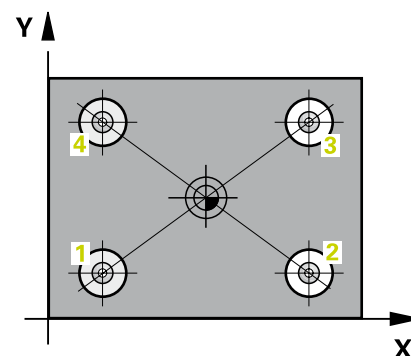
5 TCH PROBE 417 PRESET IN TS AXIS	
Q263=+25	;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS
Q264=+25	;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS
Q294=+25	;1ST POINT 3RD AXIS
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+50	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q333=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER

## 14.12 PRESET AT CENTER OF 4 HOLES (Cycle 418, DIN/ISO: G418, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 418 calculates the intersection of the lines connecting opposite holes and sets the preset at the intersection. If desired, the TNC can also enter the intersection into a datum table or preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the center of the first hole **1**.
- 2 Then the probe moves to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the first hole center.
- 3 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then to the position entered as center of the second hole **2**.
- 4 The TNC moves the touch probe to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the second hole center.
- 5 The TNC repeats steps 3 and 4 for holes **3** and **4**.
- 6 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370). The TNC calculates the preset as the intersection of the lines connecting the centers of holes **1/3** and **2/4** and saves the actual values in the Q parameters listed below.
- 7 If desired, the TNC subsequently measures the preset in the touch probe axis in a separate probing.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of intersection point in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of intersection point in minor axis

**Please note while programming:**

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand

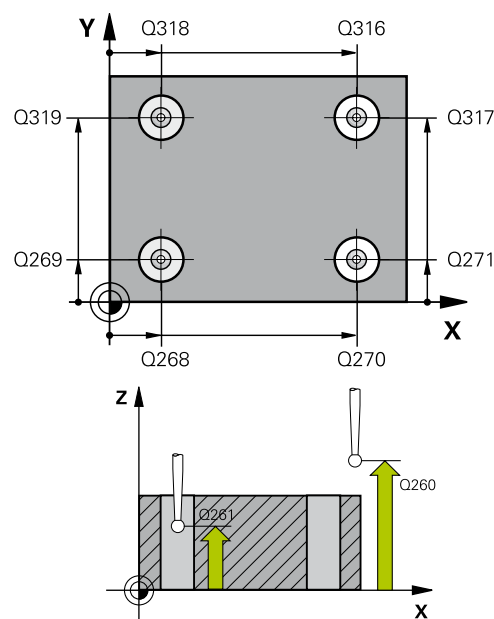


Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q268 1st hole: center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the first hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q269 1st hole: center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the first hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q270 2nd hole: center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the second hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q271 2nd hole: center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the second hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q316 3rd hole: Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the third hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q317 3rd hole: Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the third hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q318 4th hole: Center in 1st axis?** (absolute): Center of the fourth hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q319 4th hole: Center in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Center of the fourth hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?:** Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates of the intersection of the connecting lines; input range 0 to 9999.  
Q303 = 1: The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
Q303 = 0: The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 418 PRESET FROM 4 HOLES	
Q268=+20	;1ST CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q269=+25	;1ST CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q270=+150	;2ND CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q271=+25	;2ND CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q316=+150	;3RD CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q317=+85	;3RD CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q318=+22	;4TH CENTER 1ST AXIS
Q319=+80	;4TH CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q260=+10	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q305=12	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q331=+0	;PRESET
Q332=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER
Q381=1	;PROBE IN TS AXIS
Q382=+85	;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q383=+50	;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q384=+0	;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS
Q333=+0	;PRESET

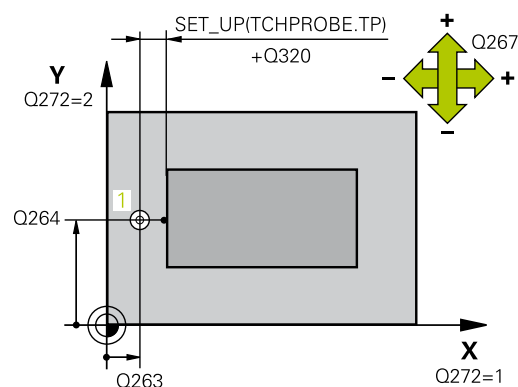
- ▶ **Q331 New preset in reference axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the reference axis at which the TNC should set the intersection of the connecting lines. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q332 New preset in minor axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the minor axis at which the TNC should set the intersection of the connecting lines. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?**: Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
  - 1: Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)
  - 0: Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system
  - 1: Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).
- ▶ **Q381 Probe in TS axis? (0/1)**: Specify whether the TNC should also set the preset in the touch probe axis:  
  - 0: Do not set the preset in the touch probe axis
  - 1: Set the preset in the touch probe axis
- ▶ **Q382 Probe TS axis: Coord. 1st axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the reference axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q383 Probe TS axis: Coord. 2nd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the minor axis of the working plane at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q384 Probe TS axis: Coord. 3rd axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate of the probe point in the touch probe axis, at which point the preset is to be set in the touch probe axis. Only effective if Q381 = 1. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis?** (absolute):  
Coordinate in the touch probe axis at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

## 14.13 PRESET IN ONE AXIS (Cycle 419, DIN/ISO: G419, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 419 measures any coordinate in any axis and defines it as preset. If desired, the TNC can also enter the measured coordinate in a datum table or preset table.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the programmed touch point **1**. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite the programmed probing direction.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the programmed measuring height and measures the actual position with a simple probing movement.
- 3 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and processes the determined preset depending on the cycle parameters Q303 and Q305 (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370).



### Please note while programming:

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



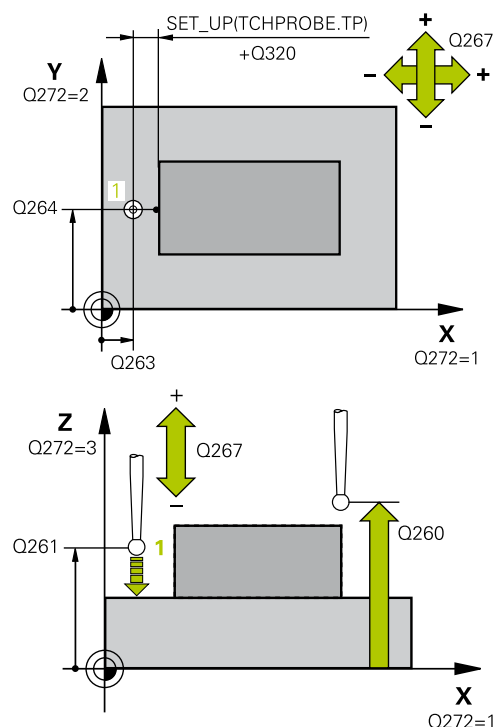
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

If you want to save the preset of several axes in the preset table, you can use Cycle 419 several times in a row. However, you also have to reactivate the preset number after every run of Cycle 419. If you work with preset 0 as active preset, this process is not required.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Meas. axis (1/2/3, 1=ref. axis)?**: Axis in which the measurement is to be made:
  - 1: Reference axis = measuring axis
  - 2: Minor axis = measuring axis
  - 3: Touch probe axis = measuring axis



### Axis assignment

Active touch probe axis: Q272= 3	Corresponding reference axis: Q272= 1	Corresponding minor axis: Q272= 2
Z	X	Y
Y	Z	X
X	Y	Z

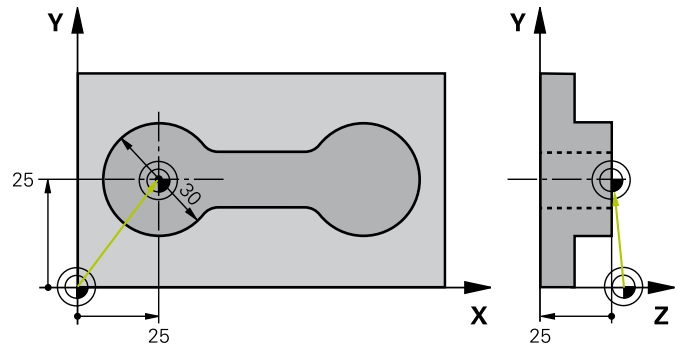
- ▶ **Q267 Trav. direction 1 (+1=+ / -1=-)?**: Direction in which the probe is to approach the workpiece:
  - 1: Negative traverse direction
  - +1: Positive traverse direction

### NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 419 PRESET IN ONE AXIS	
Q263=+25	;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS
Q264=+25	;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS
Q261=+25	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+50	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q272=+1	;MEASURING AXIS
Q267=+1	;TRAVERSE DIRECTION
Q305=0	;NUMBER IN TABLE
Q333=+0	;PRESET
Q303=+1	;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER

- ▶ **Q305 Number in table?:** Specify the row number of the preset table/datum table to which the TNC saves the coordinates; input range 0 to 9999.  
**Q303 = 1:** The TNC writes to the preset table. If the active preset is modified this change immediately becomes effective. Otherwise an entry is made in the specific row of the preset table without automatic activation  
**Q303 = 0:** The TNC writes to the datum table. The datum is not automatically activated
- ▶ **Q333 New preset in TS axis? (absolute):** Coordinate at which the TNC should set the preset. Default setting = 0. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q303 Meas. value transfer (0,1)?:** Specify whether the determined preset is to be saved in the datum table or in the preset table:  
**-1:** Do not use! Is entered by the TNC when old programs are read in (See "Characteristics common to all touch probe cycles for presetting", page 370)  
**0:** Write the measured preset into the active datum table. The reference system is the active workpiece coordinate system  
**1:** Write the measured preset into the preset table. The reference system is the machine coordinate system (REF system).

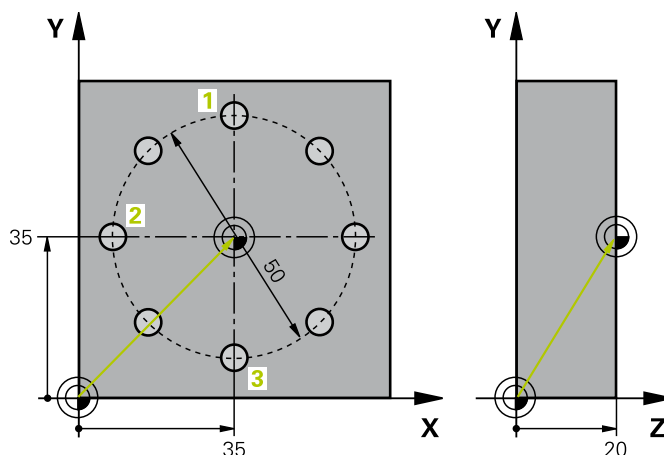
## 14.14 Example: Presetting in center of a circular segment and on top surface of workpiece



<b>0 BEGIN PGM CYC413 MM</b>	
<b>1 TOOL CALL 69 Z</b>	Call tool 0 to define the touch probe axis
<b>2 TCH PROBE 413 PRESET OUTS. CIRCLE</b>	
Q321=+25 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	Center of circle: X coordinate
Q322=+25 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	Center of circle: Y coordinate
Q262=30 ;NOMINAL DIAMETER	Circle diameter
Q325=+90 ;STARTING ANGLE	Polar coordinate angle for 1st touch point
Q247=+45 ;STEPPING ANGLE	Stepping angle for calculating the starting points 2 to 4
Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT	Coordinate in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is made
Q320=2 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	Safety clearance in addition to SET_UP column
Q260=+10 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	Height in the touch probe axis at which the probe can traverse without collision
Q301=0 ;MOVE TO CLEARANCE	Do not move to clearance height between measuring points
Q305=0 ;NUMBER IN TABLE	Set display
Q331=+0 ;PRESET	Set the display in X to 0
Q332=+10 ;PRESET	Set the display in Y to 10
Q303=+0 ;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER	Without function, since display is to be set
Q381=1 ;PROBE IN TS AXIS	Also set preset in the touch probe axis
Q382=+25 ;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS	X coordinate of touch point
Q383=+25 ;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS	Y coordinate of touch point
Q384=+25 ;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS	Z coordinate of touch point
Q333=+0 ;PRESET	Set the display in Z to 0
Q423=4 ;NO. OF PROBE POINTS	Measure circle with 4 probes
Q365=0 ;TYPE OF TRAVERSE	Move on circular path between measuring points
<b>3 CALL PGM 35K47</b>	Call part program
<b>4 END PGM CYC413 MM</b>	

### 14.15 Example: Presetting on top surface of workpiece and in center of a bolt hole circle

The measured bolt hole center shall be written in the preset table so that it may be used at a later time.



<b>0 BEGIN PGM CYC416 MM</b>		
<b>1 TOOL CALL 69 Z</b>		Call tool 0 to define the touch probe axis
<b>2 TCH POBE 417 PRESET IN TS AXIS</b>		Cycle definition for presetting in the touch probe axis
Q263=+7.5 ;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS		Touch point: X coordinate
Q264=+7.5 ;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS		Touch point: Y coordinate
Q294=+25 ;1ST POINT 3RD AXIS		Touch point: Z coordinate
Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE		Safety clearance in addition to SET_UP column
Q260=+50 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT		Height in the touch probe axis at which the probe can traverse without collision
Q305=1 ;NUMBER IN TABLE		Write Z coordinate in line 1
Q333=+0 ;PRESET		Set touch-probe axis to 0
Q303=+1 ;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER		In the preset table PRESET.PR, save the calculated preset referenced to the machine-based coordinate system (REF system)
<b>3 TCH PROBE 416 PRESET CIRCLE CENTER</b>		
Q273=+35 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS		Center of the bolt hole circle: X coordinate
Q274=+35 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS		Center of the bolt hole circle: Y coordinate
Q262=50 ;NOMINAL DIAMETER		Diameter of the bolt hole circle
Q291=+90 ;ANGLE OF 1ST HOLE		Polar coordinate angle for 1st hole center <b>1</b>
Q292=+180 ;ANGLE OF 2ND HOLE		Polar coordinate angle for 2nd hole center <b>2</b>
Q293=+270 ;ANGLE OF 3RD HOLE		Polar coordinate angle for 3rd hole center <b>3</b>
Q261=+15 ;MEASURING HEIGHT		Coordinate in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is made
Q260=+10 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT		Height in the touch probe axis at which the probe can traverse without collision
Q305=1 ;NUMBER IN TABLE		Enter center of bolt hole circle (X and Y) in line 1
Q331=+0 ;PRESET		
Q332=+0 ;PRESET		

<b>Q303=+1</b>	<b>;MEAS. VALUE TRANSFER</b>	In the preset table PRESET.PR, save the calculated preset referenced to the machine-based coordinate system (REF system)
<b>Q381=0</b>	<b>;PROBE IN TS AXIS</b>	Do not set a preset in the touch probe axis
<b>Q382=+0</b>	<b>;1ST CO. FOR TS AXIS</b>	No function
<b>Q383=+0</b>	<b>;2ND CO. FOR TS AXIS</b>	No function
<b>Q384=+0</b>	<b>;3RD CO. FOR TS AXIS</b>	No function
<b>Q333=+0</b>	<b>;PRESET</b>	No function
<b>Q320=0</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE.</b>	Safety clearance in addition to SET_UP column
<b>4 CYCL DEF 247 PRESETTING</b>		Activate new preset with Cycle 247
<b>Q339=1</b>	<b>;PRESET NUMBER</b>	
<b>6 CALL PGM 35KLZ</b>		Call part program
<b>7 END PGM CYC416 MM</b>		



# 15

**Touch Probe  
Cycles: Automatic  
Workpiece  
Inspection**

## 15.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!









Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.





- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



The control must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for the use of a 3-D touch probe.  
HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.

The TNC offers twelve cycles for measuring workpieces automatically.

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	0 REFERENCE PLANE Measuring a coordinate in a selectable axis	432
	1 POLAR PRESET Measuring a point in a probing direction	433
	420 MEASURE ANGLE Measuring an angle in the working plane	434
	421 MEASURE HOLE Measuring the position and diameter of a hole	437
	422 MEASURE CIRCLE OUTSIDE Measuring the position and diameter of a circular stud	441
	423 MEASURE RECTANGLE INSIDE Measuring the position, length and width of a rectangular pocket	445
	424 MEASURE RECTANGLE OUTSIDE Measuring the position, length and width of a rectangular stud	448
	425 MEASURE INSIDE WIDTH (2nd soft-key level) Measuring slot width	451

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	426 MEASURE RIDGE WIDTH (2nd soft-key row) Measuring the width of a ridge	454
	427 MEASURE COORDINATE (2nd soft-key row) Measuring any coordinate in a selectable axis	457
	430 MEASURE BOLT HOLE CIRCLE (2nd soft-key row) Measuring position and diameter of a bolt hole circle	460
	431 MEASURE PLANE (2nd soft-key row) Measuring the A and B axis angles of a plane	463

## Recording the results of measurement

For all cycles in which you automatically measure workpieces (with the exception of Cycles 0 and 1), you can have the TNC record the measurement results. In the respective probing cycle you can define if the TNC is to

- Save the measuring log to a file
- Interrupt program run and display the measuring log on the screen
- Create no measuring log

If you want to save the measuring log to a file the TNC, by default, saves the data as an ASCII file. The TNC will save the file in the directory that also contains the associated NC program.



Use the HEIDENHAIN data transfer software TNCRemo if you wish to output the measuring log over the data interface.

Example: Measuring log for touch probe cycle 421:

### Measuring log for Probing Cycle 421 Hole Measuring

Date: 30-06-2005

Time: 6:55:04

Measuring program: TNC:\GEH35712\CHECK1.H

Nominal values:

Center in reference axis:	50.0000
Center in minor axis:	65.0000
Diameter:	12.0000

Given limit values:

Maximum limit for center in reference axis:	50.1000
Minimum limit for center in reference axis:	49.9000
Maximum limit for center in minor axis:	65.1000

Minimum limit for center in minor axis:	64.9000
Maximum dimension for hole:	12.0450
Minimum dimension for hole:	12.0000

Actual values:

Center in reference axis:	50.0810
Center in minor axis:	64.9530
Diameter:	12.0259

Deviations:

Center in reference axis:	0.0810
Center in minor axis:	-0.0470
Diameter:	0.0259

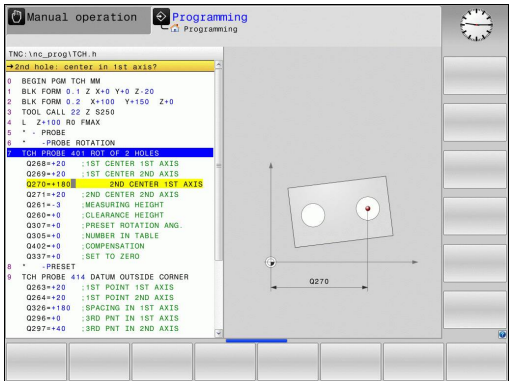
Further measuring results: Measuring height:	-5.0000
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**End of measuring log**

Measurement results in Q parameters

The TNC saves the measurement results of the respective touch probe cycle in the globally effective Q parameters Q150 to Q160. Deviations from the nominal value are saved in the parameters Q161 to Q166. Note the table of result parameters listed with every cycle description.

During cycle definition the TNC also shows the result parameters for the respective cycle in a help graphic (see figure at upper right). The highlighted result parameter belongs to that input parameter.




Classification of results

For some cycles you can inquire the status of measuring results through the globally effective Q parameters Q180 to Q182.

Class of results	Parameter value
Measurement results are within tolerance	Q180 = 1
Rework is required	Q181 = 1
Scrap	Q182 = 1

The TNC sets the rework or scrap marker as soon as one of the measuring values falls outside of tolerance. To determine which of the measuring results lies outside of tolerance, check the measuring log, or compare the respective measuring results (Q150 to Q160) with their limit values.

In Cycle 427 the TNC assumes that you are measuring an outside dimension (stud). However, you can correct the status of the measurement by entering the correct maximum and minimum dimension together with the probing direction.



The TNC also sets the status markers if you have not defined any tolerance values or maximum/minimum dimensions.

Tolerance monitoring

For most of the cycles for workpiece inspection you can have the TNC perform tolerance monitoring. This requires that you define the necessary limit values during cycle definition. If you do not wish to monitor for tolerances, simply leave the 0 (the default value) in the monitoring parameters.

## Tool monitoring

For some cycles for workpiece inspection you can have the TNC perform tool monitoring. The TNC then monitors whether

- The tool radius should be compensated because of the deviations from the nominal value (values in Q16x).
- The deviations from the nominal value (values in Q16x) are greater than the tool breakage tolerance.

## Tool compensation



This function works only:

- If the tool table is active.
- If tool monitoring is switched on in the cycle (enter a tool name or **Q330** unequal to 0). Select the tool name input by soft key. The TNC no longer displays the right single quotation mark.

If you perform several compensation measurements, the TNC adds the respective measured deviation to the value stored in the tool table.

**Milling tool:** If you reference parameter Q330 to a milling tool, the appropriate values are compensated in the following way: the TNC basically always compensates the tool radius in column DR of the tool table, even if the measured deviation is within the stated tolerance. You can inquire whether re-working is necessary via parameter Q181 in the NC program (Q181=1: must be reworked).

**Tool breakage monitoring**

This function works only:

- If the tool table is active.
- If tool monitoring is switched on in the cycle (enter Q330 not equal to 0).
- If the breakage tolerance RBREAK for the tool number entered in the table is greater than 0 (see also the User's Manual, section 5.2 "Tool Data").

The TNC will output an error message and stop program run if the measured deviation is greater than the breakage tolerance of the tool. At the same time the tool will be deactivated in the tool table (column TL = L).

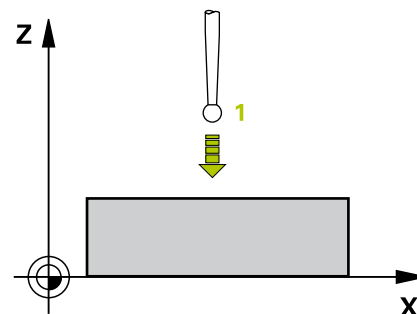
**Reference system for measurement results**

The TNC transfers all the measurement results to the result parameters and the log file in the active coordinate system, or as the case may be, the shifted and/or rotated/tilted coordinate system.

## 15.2 REFERENCE PLANE (Cycle 0, DIN/ISO: G55, software option 17)

### Cycle run

- 1 The touch probe moves at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) to the starting position **1** programmed in the cycle.
- 2 Then the touch probe runs the probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The probing direction is defined in the cycle.
- 3 After the TNC has saved the position, the probe retracts to the starting point and saves the measured coordinate in a Q parameter. The TNC also stores the coordinates of the touch probe position at the time of the triggering signal in the parameters Q115 to Q119. For the values in these parameters the TNC does not account for the stylus length and radius.



### Please note while programming:

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

The TNC moves the touch probe in a 3-D movement at rapid traverse to the pre-positioning point programmed in the cycle. There is a danger of collision according to the previous position of the tool.

- Pre-position in order to avoid a collision when the programmed pre-positioning point is approached

### Cycle parameters



- **Parameter number for result?:** Enter the number of the Q parameter to which you want to assign the coordinate. Input range 0 to 1999
- **Probing axis/probing direction?:** Enter the probing axis with the axis selection keys or ASCII keyboard and the algebraic sign for the probing direction. Confirm your entry with the **ENT** key. Input range: All NC axes
- **Position value?:** Use the axis selection keys or the ASCII keyboard to enter all coordinates of the nominal pre-positioning point values for the touch probe. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- To conclude the input, press the **ENT** key.

### NC blocks

67 TCH PROBE 0.0 REF. PLANE Q5 X-

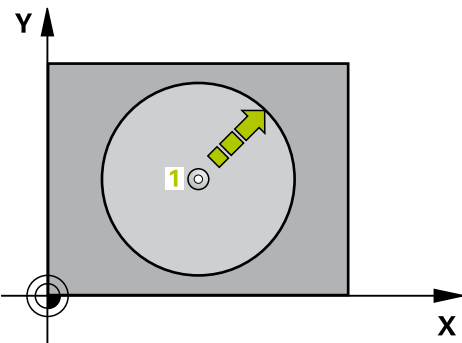
68 TCH PROBE 0.1 X+5 Y+0 Z-5

### 15.3 POLAR PRESET (Cycle 1, software option 17)

#### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 1 measures any position on the workpiece in any direction.


- 1 The touch probe moves at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) to the starting position **1** programmed in the cycle.
- 2 Then the touch probe runs the probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). During probing the TNC moves simultaneously in two axes (depending on the probing angle). The probing direction is defined by the polar angle entered in the cycle.
- 3 After the TNC has saved the position, the probe returns to the starting point. The TNC also stores the coordinates of the touch probe position at the time of the triggering signal in parameters Q115 to Q119.



#### Please note while programming:

**NOTICE**

**Danger of collision!**  
The TNC moves the touch probe in a 3–D movement at rapid traverse to the pre-positioning point programmed in the cycle. There is a danger of collision according to the previous position of the tool.  
► Pre-position in order to avoid a collision when the programmed pre-positioning point is approached

 The probing axis defined in the cycle specifies the probing plane:  
Probing axis X: X/Y plane  
Probing axis Y: Y/Z plane  
Probing axis Z: Z/X plane

#### Cycle parameters



- **Probing axis?:** Enter the probing axis with the axis selection keys or ASCII keyboard. Confirm your entry with the **ENT** key. Input range: **X, Y** or **Z**
- **Probing angle?:** Angle, measured from the probing axis, at which the touch probe is to move. Input range -180.0000 to 180.0000
- **Position value?:** Use the axis selection keys or the ASCII keyboard to enter all coordinates of the nominal pre-positioning point values for the touch probe. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- To conclude the input, press the **ENT** key.

#### NC blocks

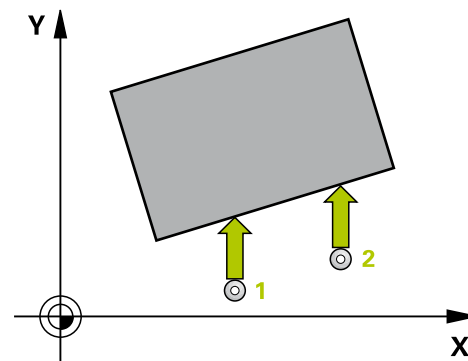
67 TCH PROBE 1.0 POLAR PRESET
68 TCH PROBE 1.1 X ANGLE: +30
69 TCH PROBE 1.2 X+5 Y+0 Z-5

## 15.4 MEASURE ANGLE (Cycle 420, DIN/ISO: G420, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 420 measures the angle that any straight surface on the workpiece describes with respect to the reference axis of the working plane.

- 1 The TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) following the positioning logic (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the starting point **1**. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the defined traverse direction.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves to the next starting position **2** and from there probes the second position.
- 4 The TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the measured angle in the following Q parameter:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q150	The measured angle is referenced to the reference axis of the machining plane.

### Please note while programming:



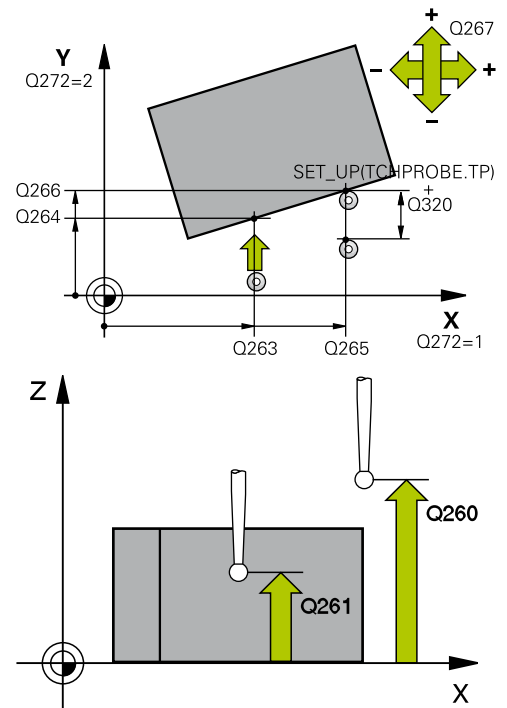
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

If touch probe axis = measuring axis, set **Q263** equal to **Q265** if the angle about the A axis is to be measured; set **Q263** not equal to **Q265** if the angle is to be measured about the B axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q265 2nd measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q266 2nd measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Meas. axis (1/2/3, 1=ref. axis)?**: Axis in which the measurement is to be made:  
**1**: Reference axis = measuring axis  
**2**: Minor axis = measuring axis  
**3**: Touch probe axis = measuring axis
- ▶ **Q267 Trav. direction 1 (+1=+ / -1=-)?**: Direction in which the probe is to approach the workpiece:  
**-1**: Negative traverse direction  
**+1**: Positive traverse direction
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** (touch probe table), and is only effective when the preset is probed in the touch probe axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 420 MEASURE ANGLE	
Q263=+10	;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS
Q264=+10	;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS
Q265=+15	;2ND PNT IN 1ST AXIS
Q266=+95	;2ND POINT 2ND AXIS
Q272=1	;MEASURING AXIS
Q267=-1	;TRAVERSE DIRECTION
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+10	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG

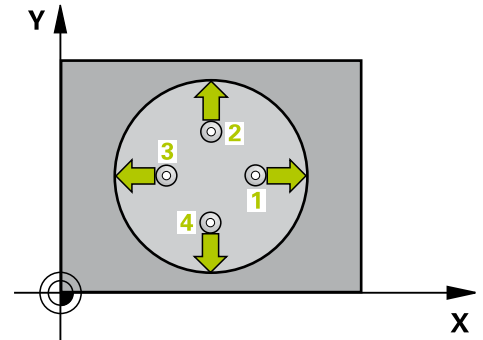
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:
  - 0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points
  - 1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?**: Define whether the TNC should create a measuring log:
  - 0**: Do not create a measuring log
  - 1**: Create a measuring log: The TNC saves the **log file TCHPR420.TXT** as standard in the directory TNC:\
  - 2**: Interrupt program run and output measuring log to the TNC screen (Press **NC start** to continue the program)

## 15.5 MEASURE HOLE (Cycle 421, DIN/ISO: G421, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 421 measures the center and diameter of a hole (or circular pocket). If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in system parameters.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the SET\_UP column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The TNC derives the probing direction automatically from the programmed starting angle.
- 3 Then the touch probe moves in a circular arc either at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviations in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q153	Actual value of diameter
Q161	Deviation at center of reference axis
Q162	Deviation at center of minor axis
Q163	Deviation from diameter

### Please note while programming:



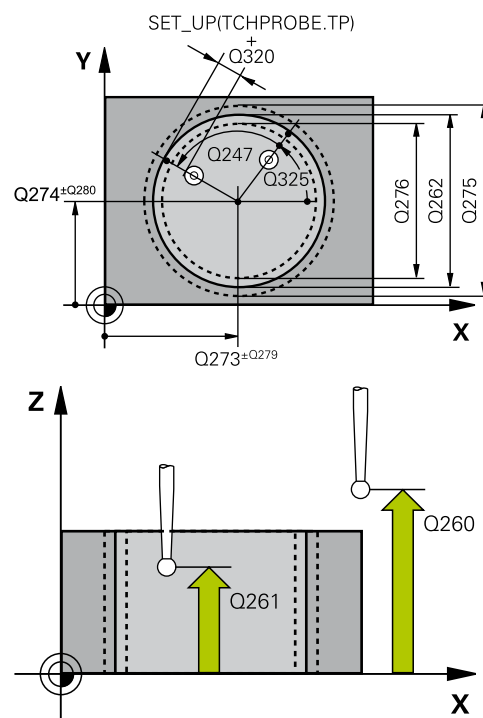
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

The smaller the angle, the less accurately the TNC can calculate the hole dimensions. Minimum input value: 5°  
Parameters **Q498** and **Q531** have no effect in this cycle. You do not need to make any entries. These parameters have only been integrated for reasons of compatibility. If, for example, you import a program of the contouring control for turning and milling, TNC 640, you will not receive an error message.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q273 Center in 1st axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the hole in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q274 Center in 2nd axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the hole in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Enter the diameter of the hole. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q325 Starting angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q247 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle between two measuring points. The algebraic sign of the stepping angle determines the direction of rotation (negative = clockwise) in which the touch probe moves to the next measuring point. If you wish to probe a circular arc instead of a complete circle, then program the stepping angle to be less than 90°. Input range -120.000 to 120.000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 421 MEASURE HOLE

Q273=+50 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS

Q274=+50 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS

Q262=75 ;NOMINAL DIAMETER

Q325=+0 ;STARTING ANGLE

Q247=+60 ;STEPPING ANGLE

Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT

Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE

Q260=+20 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT

- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q275 Maximum limit of size for hole?**: Maximum permissible diameter for the hole (circular pocket). Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q276 Minimum limit of size?**: Minimum permissible diameter for the hole (circular pocket). Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q279 Tolerance for center 1st axis?**: Permissible position deviation in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q280 Tolerance for center 2nd axis?**: Permissible position deviation in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?**: Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:  
**0**: Create no measuring log  
**1**: Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR421.TXT** by default in the directory that also contains the associated NC program.  
**2**: Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?**: Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0**: Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1**: Interrupt program run and output an error message

Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q275=75.12	;MAXIMUM LIMIT
Q276=74.95	;MINIMUM LIMIT
Q279=0.1	;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER
Q280=0.1	;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG
Q309=0	;PGM STOP TOLERANCE
Q330=0	;TOOL
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q365=1	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE

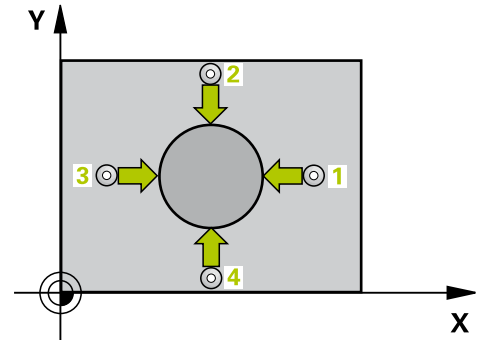
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?**: Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters
  - 0**: Monitoring inactive
  - >0**: Number or name of the tool that the TNC used for machining. You are able to apply a tool via soft key directly from the tool table.
- ▶ **Q423 No. probe points in plane (4/3)?**: Define whether the TNC should measure the stud with 4 or 3 probing points:
  - 4**: Use 4 measuring points (standard setting)
  - 3**: Use 3 measuring points
- ▶ **Q365 Type of traverse? Line=0/arc=1**: Definition of the path function with which the tool is to move between the measuring points if "traverse to clearance height" (Q301=1) is active:
  - 0**: Move in a straight line between machining operations
  - 1**: Move in a circular arc on the pitch circle diameter between machining operations
- ▶ Parameters **Q498** and **Q531** have no effect in this cycle. You do not need to make any entries. These parameters have only been integrated for reasons of compatibility. If, for example, you import a program of the contouring control for turning and milling, TNC 640, you will not receive an error message.

## 15.6 MEASURE HOLE OUTSIDE (Cycle 422, DIN/ISO: G422, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 422 measures the center and diameter of a circular stud. If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in system parameters.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The TNC derives the probing direction automatically from the programmed starting angle.
- 3 Then the touch probe moves in a circular arc either at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviations in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q153	Actual value of diameter
Q161	Deviation at center of reference axis
Q162	Deviation at center of minor axis
Q163	Deviation from diameter

### Please note while programming:



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

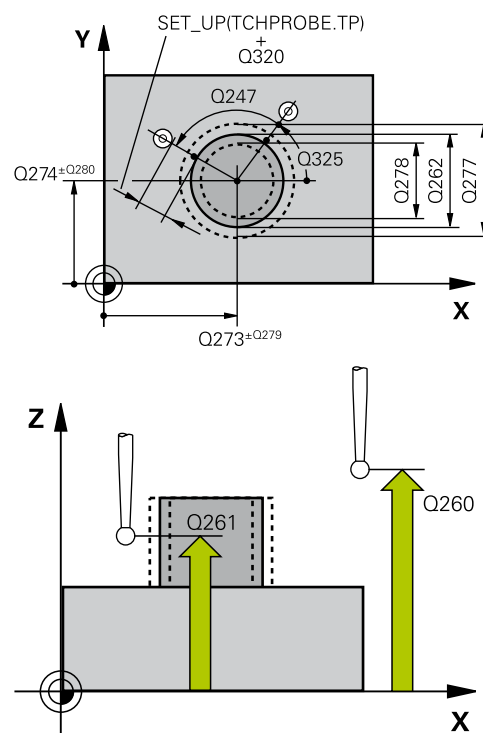
The smaller the angle, the less accurately the TNC can calculate the dimensions of the stud. Minimum input value: 5°

Parameters **Q498** and **Q531** have no effect in this cycle. You do not need to make any entries. These parameters have only been integrated for reasons of compatibility. If, for example, you import a program of the contouring control for turning and milling, TNC 640, you will not receive an error message.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q273 Center in 1st axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q274 Center in 2nd axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Enter the diameter of the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q325 Starting angle?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range -360.000 to 360.000
- ▶ **Q247 Intermediate stepping angle?** (incremental): Angle between two measuring points. The algebraic sign of the stepping angle determines the direction of rotation (negative = clockwise). If you wish to probe a circular arc instead of a complete circle, then program the stepping angle to be less than 90°. Input range -120.0000 to 120.0000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 422 MEAS. CIRCLE OUTSIDE

Q273=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q274=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q262=75	;NOMINAL DIAMETER
Q325=+90	;STARTING ANGLE
Q247=+30	;STEPPING ANGLE
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+10	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q277=35.15	;MAXIMUM LIMIT
Q278=34.9	;MINIMUM LIMIT

- ▶ **Q277 Maximum limit of size for stud?:** Maximum permissible diameter for the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q278 Minimum limit of size for stud?:** Minimum permissible diameter for the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q279 Tolerance for center 1st axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q280 Tolerance for center 2nd axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?:** Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:  
**0:** Create no measuring log  
**1:** Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR422.TXT** by default in the directory TNC:\.  
**2:** Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**  
 Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters  
**0:** Monitoring inactive  
**>0:** Tool number in the tool table TOOL.T
- ▶ **Q423 No. probe points in plane (4/3)?:** Define whether the TNC should measure the stud with 4 or 3 probing points:  
**4:** Use 4 measuring points (standard setting)  
**3:** Use 3 measuring points

Q279=0.05	;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER
Q280=0.05	;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG
Q309=0	;PGM STOP TOLERANCE
Q330=0	;TOOL
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q365=1	;TYPE OF TRAVERSE

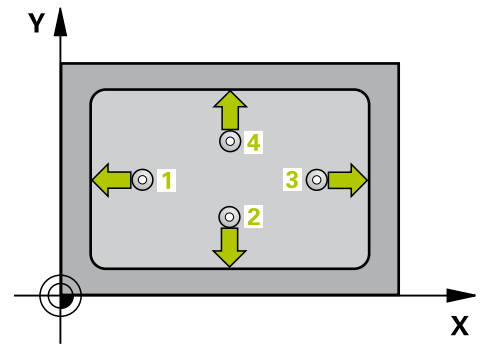
- ▶ **Q365 Type of traverse? Line=0/arc=1:** Definition of the path function with which the tool is to move between the measuring points if "traverse to clearance height" (Q301=1) is active:
  - 0:** Move in a straight line between machining operations
  - 1:** Move in a circular arc on the pitch circle diameter between machining operations
- ▶ Parameters **Q498** and **Q531** have no effect in this cycle. You do not need to make any entries. These parameters have only been integrated for reasons of compatibility. If, for example, you import a program of the contouring control for turning and milling, TNC 640, you will not receive an error message.

## 15.7 MEASURE RECTANGLE INSIDE (Cycle 423, DIN/ISO: G423, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 423 finds the center, length and width of a rectangular pocket. If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in system parameters.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves either paraxially at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviations in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q154	Actual value of length in the reference axis
Q155	Actual value of length in the minor axis
Q161	Deviation at center of reference axis
Q162	Deviation at center of minor axis
Q164	Deviation of side length in reference axis
Q165	Deviation of side length in minor axis

### Please note while programming:



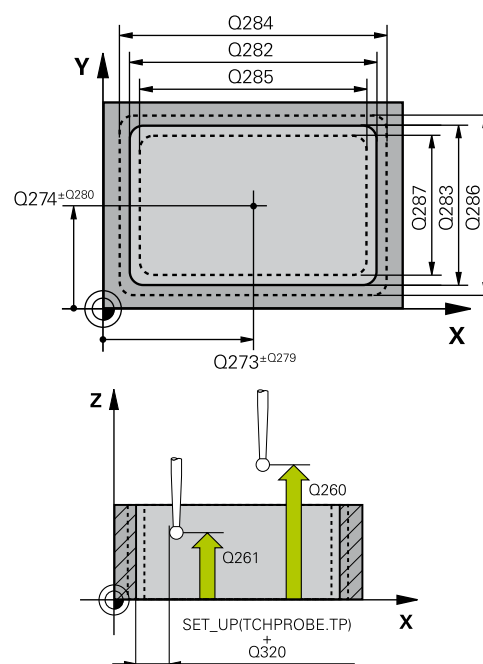
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

If the dimensions of the pocket and the safety clearance do not permit pre-positioning in the proximity of the touch points, the TNC always starts probing from the center of the pocket. In this case the touch probe does not return to the clearance height between the four measuring points.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q273 Center in 1st axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the pocket in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q274 Center in 2nd axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the pocket in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q282 1st side length (nominal value)?**: Pocket length, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q283 2nd side length (nominal value)?**: Pocket length, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q284 Max. size limit 1st side length?**: Maximum permissible length of the pocket. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q285 Min. size limit 1st side length?**: Minimum permissible length of the pocket. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q286 Max. size limit 2nd side length?**: Maximum permissible width of the pocket. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q287 Min. size limit 2nd side length?**: Minimum permissible width of the pocket. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 423 MEAS. RECTAN. INSIDE

Q273=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q274=+50	;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS
Q282=80	;FIRST SIDE LENGTH
Q283=60	;2ND SIDE LENGTH
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+10	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q284=0	;MAX. LIMIT 1ST SIDE
Q285=0	;MIN. LIMIT 1ST SIDE
Q286=0	;MAX. LIMIT 2ND SIDE
Q287=0	;MIN. LIMIT 2ND SIDE
Q279=0	;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER
Q280=0	;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG
Q309=0	;PGM STOP TOLERANCE
Q330=0	;TOOL

- ▶ **Q279 Tolerance for center 1st axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q280 Tolerance for center 2nd axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?:** Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:
  - 0:** Create no measuring log
  - 1:** Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR423.TXT** by default in the directory TNC:\.
  - 2:** Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**

Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:

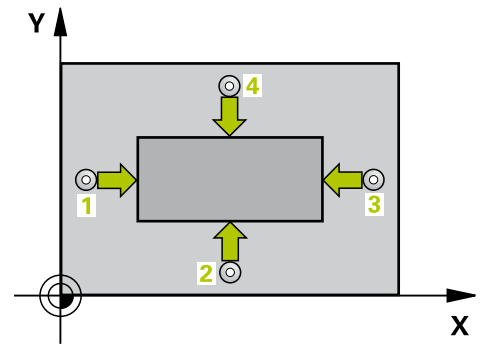
  - 0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message
  - 1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters
  - 0:** Monitoring inactive
  - >0:** Tool number in the tool table TOOL.T

## 15.8 MEASURE RECTANGLE OUTSIDE (Cycle 424, DIN/ISO: G424, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 424 finds the center, length and width of a rectangular stud. If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation values in system parameters.

- 1 The TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) following the positioning logic (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the starting point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**).
- 3 Then the touch probe moves either paraxially at measuring height or at clearance height to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point.
- 4 The TNC positions the probe to starting point **3** and then to starting point **4** to probe the third and fourth touch points.
- 5 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviations in the following Q parameters:



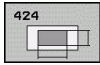
Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q154	Actual value of length in the reference axis
Q155	Actual value of length in the minor axis
Q161	Deviation at center of reference axis
Q162	Deviation at center of minor axis
Q164	Deviation of side length in reference axis
Q165	Deviation of side length in minor axis

### Please note while programming:

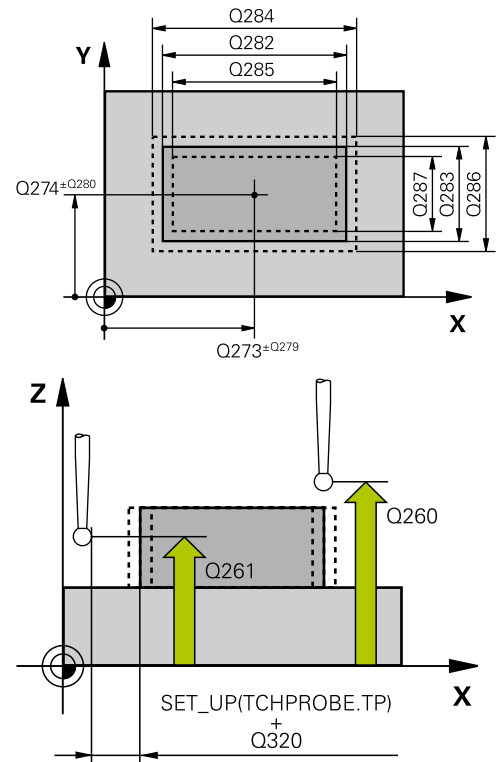


Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q273 Center in 1st axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q274 Center in 2nd axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Center of the stud in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q282 1st side length (nominal value)?**: Stud length, parallel to the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q283 2nd side length (nominal value)?**: Stud length, parallel to the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q284 Max. size limit 1st side length?**: Maximum permissible length of the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q285 Min. size limit 1st side length?**: Minimum permissible length of the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 424 MEAS. RECTAN. OUTS.

Q273=+50	;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS
Q274=+50	;2ND CENTER 2ND AXIS
Q282=75	;FIRST SIDE LENGTH
Q283=35	;2ND SIDE LENGTH
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+20	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q284=75.1	;MAX. LIMIT 1ST SIDE
Q285=74.9	;MIN. LIMIT 1ST SIDE

- ▶ **Q286 Max. size limit 2nd side length?:** Maximum permissible width of the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q287 Min. size limit 2nd side length?:** Minimum permissible width of the stud. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q279 Tolerance for center 1st axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q280 Tolerance for center 2nd axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?:** Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:  
**0:** Create no measuring log  
**1:** Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR424.TXT** by default in the directory TNC:\.  
**2:** Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**  
Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters  
**0:** Monitoring inactive  
**>0:** Number or name of the tool that the TNC used for machining. You are able to apply a tool via soft key directly from the tool table.

Q286=35	;MAX. LIMIT 2ND SIDE
Q287=34.95	;MIN. LIMIT 2ND SIDE
Q279=0.1	;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER
Q280=0.1	;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG
Q309=0	;PGM STOP TOLERANCE
Q330=0	;TOOL

## 15.9 MEASURE INSIDE WIDTH (Cycle 425, DIN/ISO: G425, software option 17)


### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 425 measures the position and width of a slot (or pocket). If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in a system parameter.

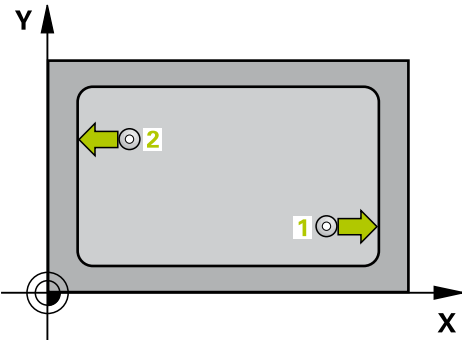
- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The first probing is always in the positive direction of the programmed axis.
- 3 If you enter an offset for the second measurement, the TNC then moves the touch probe (if required, at clearance height) to the next starting point **2** and probes the second touch point. If the nominal length is large, the TNC moves the touch probe to the second touch point at rapid traverse. If you do not enter an offset, the TNC measures the width in the exact opposite direction.
- 4 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviation value in the following Q parameters:

Parameter number	Meaning
Q156	Actual value of measured length
Q157	Actual value of the centerline
Q166	Deviation of the measured length

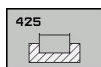
### Please note while programming:



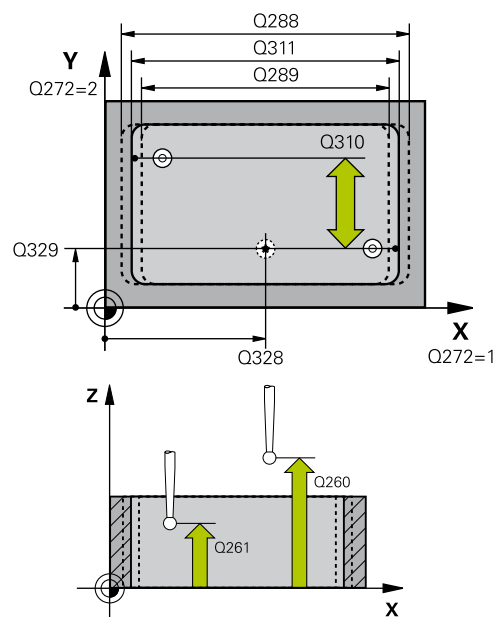
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.



## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q328 Starting point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Starting point for probing in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q329 Starting point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Starting point for probing in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q310 Offset for 2nd measurement (+/-)?** (incremental): Distance by which the touch probe is displaced before the second measurement. If you enter 0, the TNC does not offset the touch probe. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Measuring axis (1=1st / 2=2nd)?**: Axis in the working plane in which the measurement is to be made:
  - 1: Reference axis = measuring axis
  - 2: Minor axis = measuring axis
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q311 Nominal length?**: Nominal value of the length to be measured. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q288 Maximum limit of size?**: Maximum permissible length. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q289 Minimum limit of size?**: Minimum permissible length. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Measuring log** Q281: Define whether the TNC should create a measuring log:
  - 0: Do not create a measuring log
  - 1: Create a measuring log: The TNC saves the **log file TCHPR425.TXT** as standard in the directory TNC:\.
  - 2: Interrupt program run and output measuring log to the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.



### NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 425 MEASURE INSIDE WIDTH	
Q328=+75	;STARTNG PNT 1ST AXIS
Q329=-12.5	;STARTNG PNT 2ND AXIS
Q310=+0	;OFFS. 2ND MEASUREMNT
Q272=1	;MEASURING AXIS
Q261=-5	;MEASURING HEIGHT
Q260=+10	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q311=25	;NOMINAL LENGTH
Q288=25.05	;MAXIMUM LIMIT
Q289=25	;MINIMUM LIMIT
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG
Q309=0	;PGM STOP TOLERANCE
Q330=0	;TOOL
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q301=0	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE

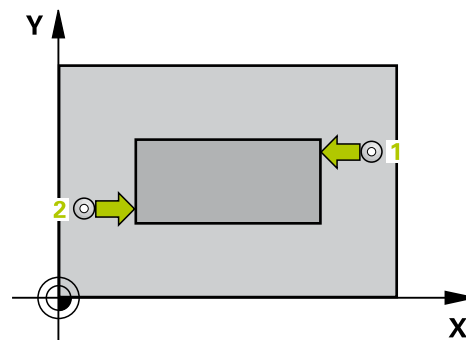
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**  
Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters  
**0:** Monitoring inactive  
**>0:** Number or name of the tool that the TNC used for machining. You are able to apply a tool via soft key directly from the tool table.
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** (touch probe table), and is only effective when the preset is probed in the touch probe axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?:** Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0:** Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1:** Move at clearance height between measuring points

## 15.10 MEASURE RIDGE WIDTH (Cycle 426, DIN/ISO: G426, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 426 measures the position and width of a ridge. If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in system parameters.

- 1 The TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) following the positioning logic (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the starting point **1**. The TNC calculates the touch points from the data in the cycle and the safety clearance from the **SET\_UP** column of the touch probe table.
- 2 Then the touch probe moves to the entered measuring height and runs the first probing process at the probing feed rate (column **F**). The first probing is always in the negative direction of the programmed axis.
- 3 Then the touch probe moves at clearance height to the next starting position and probes the second touch point.
- 4 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviation value in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q156	Actual value of measured length
Q157	Actual value of the centerline
Q166	Deviation of the measured length

### Please note while programming:



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.



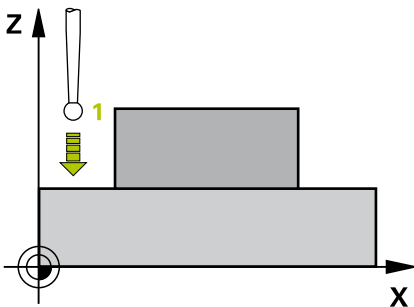
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**  
Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters  
**0:** Monitoring inactive  
**>0:** Number or name of the tool that the TNC used for machining. You are able to apply a tool via soft key directly from the tool table.

## 15.11 MEASURE COORDINATE (Cycle 427, DIN/ISO: G427, software option 17)

### Cycle run


Touch Probe Cycle 427 finds a coordinate in a selectable axis and saves the value in a system parameter. If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in system parameters.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to touch point **1**. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the defined traverse direction.
- 2 Then the TNC positions the touch probe to the entered touch point **1** in the working plane and measures the actual value in the selected axis.
- 3 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the measured coordinate in the following Q parameter.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q160	Measured coordinate

### Please note while programming:



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

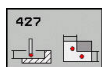
If an axis of the active working plane is defined as measuring axis (Q272 = 1 or 2), the TNC compensates the tool radius. From the defined traversing direction (Q267) the TNC determines the direction of compensation.

If the touch probe axis is defined as measuring axis (Q272 = 3), the TNC compensates the tool length.

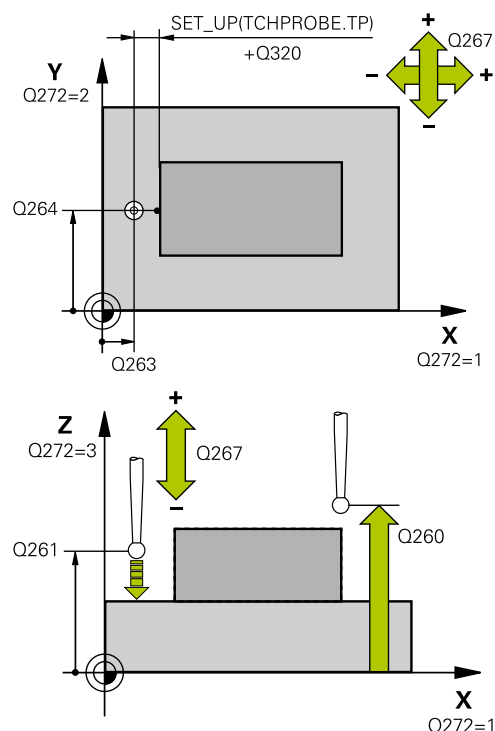
Parameters **Q498** and **Q531** have no effect in this cycle. You do not need to make any entries. These parameters have only been integrated for reasons of compatibility.

If, for example, you import a program of the contouring control for turning and milling, TNC 640, you will not receive an error message.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q272 Meas. axis (1/2/3, 1=ref. axis)?**: Axis in which the measurement is to be made:
  - 1**: Reference axis = measuring axis
  - 2**: Minor axis = measuring axis
  - 3**: Touch probe axis = measuring axis
- ▶ **Q267 Trav. direction 1 (+1=+ / -1=-)?**: Direction in which the probe is to approach the workpiece:
  - 1**: Negative traverse direction
  - +1**: Positive traverse direction
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?**: Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:
  - 0**: Create no measuring log
  - 1**: Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR427.TXT** by default in the directory TNC:\.
  - 2**: Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 427 MEASURE COORDINATE

**Q263=+35 ;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS**

**Q264=+45 ;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS**

**Q261=+5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT**

**Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE**

**Q272=3 ;MEASURING AXIS**

**Q267=-1 ;TRAVERSE DIRECTION**

**Q260=+20 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT**

**Q281=1 ;MEASURING LOG**

**Q288=5.1 ;MAXIMUM LIMIT**

**Q289=4.95 ;MINIMUM LIMIT**

- ▶ **Q288 Maximum limit of size?:** Maximum permissible measured value. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q289 Minimum limit of size?:** Minimum permissible measured value. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**  
Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters  
**0:** Monitoring inactive  
**>0:** Number or name of the tool that the TNC used for machining. You are able to apply a tool via soft key directly from the tool table.
- ▶ Parameters **Q498** and **Q531** have no effect in this cycle. You do not need to make any entries. These parameters have only been integrated for reasons of compatibility. If, for example, you import a program of the contouring control for turning and milling, TNC 640, you will not receive an error message.

Q309=0	;PGM STOP TOLERANCE
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Q330=0	;TOOL
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Q498=0	;REVERSE TOOL
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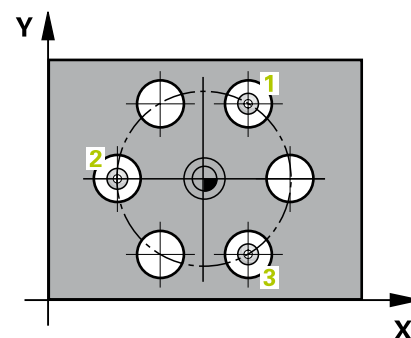
Q531=0	;ANGLE OF INCIDENCE
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## 15.12 MEASURE BOLT HOLE CIRCLE (Cycle 430, DIN/ISO: G430, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 430 finds the center and diameter of a bolt hole circle by probing three holes. If you define the corresponding tolerance values in the cycle, the TNC makes a nominal-to-actual value comparison and saves the deviation value in system parameters.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the center of the first hole **1**.
- 2 Then the probe moves to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the first hole center.
- 3 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then to the position entered as center of the second hole **2**.
- 4 The TNC moves the touch probe to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the second hole center.
- 5 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then to the position entered as center of the third hole **3**.
- 6 The TNC moves the touch probe to the entered measuring height and probes four points to find the third hole center.
- 7 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the actual values and the deviations in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q151	Actual value of center in reference axis
Q152	Actual value of center in minor axis
Q153	Actual value of bolt hole circle diameter
Q161	Deviation at center of reference axis
Q162	Deviation at center of minor axis
Q163	Deviation of bolt hole circle diameter

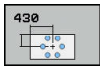
## Please note while programming:



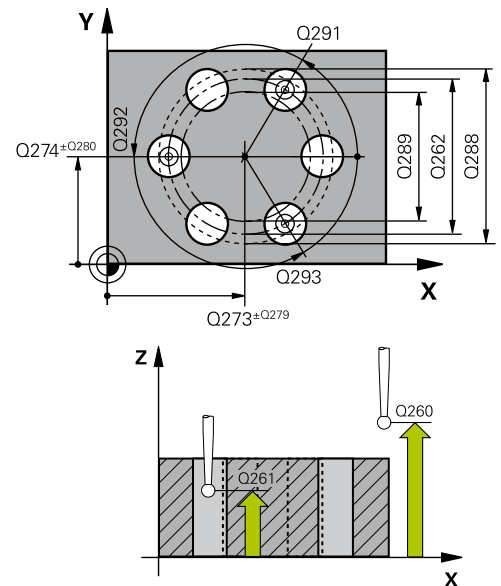
Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

Cycle 430 only monitors for tool breakage; there is no automatic tool compensation.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q273 Center in 1st axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Bolt hole circle center (nominal value) in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q274 Center in 2nd axis (nom. value)?** (absolute): Bolt hole circle center (nominal value) in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q262 Nominal diameter?**: Enter the diameter of the hole. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q291 Polar coord. angle of 1st hole?** (absolute): Polar coordinate angle of the first hole center in the working plane. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q292 Polar coord. angle of 2nd hole?** (absolute): Polar coordinate angle of the second hole center in the working plane. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q292 Polar coord. angle of 3rd hole?** (absolute): Polar coordinate angle of the third hole center in the working plane. Input range -360.0000 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q261 Measuring height in probe axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the ball tip center (= touch point) in the touch probe axis in which the measurement is to be made. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q288 Maximum limit of size?**: Maximum permissible bolt hole circle diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999



## NC blocks

### 5 TCH PROBE 430 MEAS. BOLT HOLE CIRC

Q273=+50 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS

Q274=+50 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS

Q262=80 ;NOMINAL DIAMETER

Q291=+0 ;ANGLE OF 1ST HOLE

Q292=+90 ;ANGLE OF 2ND HOLE

Q293=+180 ;ANGLE OF 3RD HOLE

Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT

Q260=+10 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT

Q288=80.1 ;MAXIMUM LIMIT

- ▶ **Q289 Minimum limit of size?:** Minimum permissible bolt hole circle diameter. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q279 Tolerance for center 1st axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q280 Tolerance for center 2nd axis?:** Permissible position deviation in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?:** Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:  
**0:** Create no measuring log  
**1:** Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR430.TXT** by default in the directory TNC:\.  
**2:** Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.
- ▶ **Q309 PGM stop if tolerance exceeded?:**  
 Definition of whether in the event of a violation of tolerance limits the TNC is to interrupt program run and output an error message:  
**0:** Do not interrupt program run, do not output an error message  
**1:** Interrupt program run and output an error message
- ▶ **Q330 Tool for monitoring?:** Definition of whether the TNC is to monitor the tool (See "Tool monitoring", page 430). Input range 0 to 32767.9, alternatively tool name with maximum of 16 characters  
**0:** Monitoring inactive  
**>0:** Number or name of the tool that the TNC used for machining. You are able to apply a tool via soft key directly from the tool table.

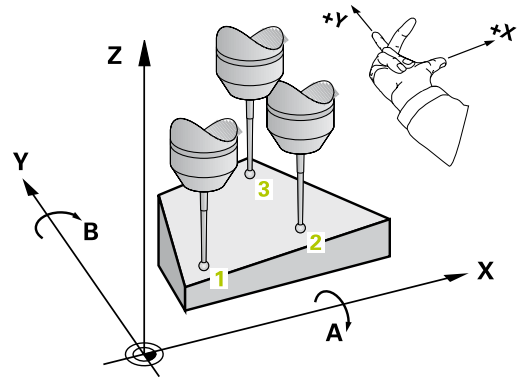
<b>Q289=79.9 ;MINIMUM LIMIT</b>
<b>Q279=0.15 ;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER</b>
<b>Q280=0.15 ;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER</b>
<b>Q281=1 ;MEASURING LOG</b>
<b>Q309=0 ;PGM STOP TOLERANCE</b>
<b>Q330=0 ;TOOL</b>

## 15.13 MEASURE PLANE (Cycle 431, DIN/ISO: G431, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 431 finds the angle of a plane by measuring three points. It saves the measured values in system parameters.

- 1 Following the positioning logic, the TNC positions the touch probe at rapid traverse (value from **FMAX** column) (See "Executing touch probe cycles", page 339) to the programmed touch point **1** and measures the first point of the plane. The TNC offsets the touch probe by the safety clearance in the direction opposite to the direction of probing.
- 2 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then moves in the working plane to starting point **2** and measures the actual value of the second touch point of the plane.
- 3 The touch probe returns to the clearance height and then moves in the working plane to starting point **3** and measures the actual value of the third touch point of the plane.
- 4 Finally the TNC returns the touch probe to the clearance height and saves the measured angle values in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q158	Projection angle of the A axis
Q159	Projection angle of the B axis
Q170	Spatial angle A
Q171	Spatial angle B
Q172	Spatial angle C
Q173 to Q175	Measured values in the touch probe axis (first to third measurement)

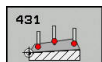
**Please note while programming:**

Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

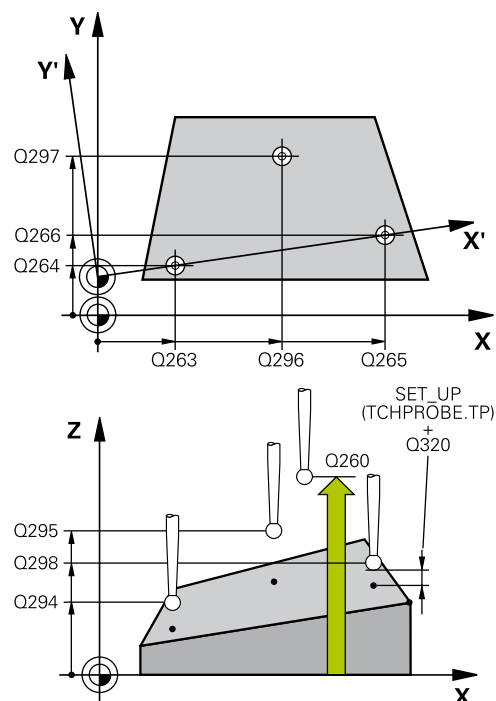
For the TNC to be able to calculate the angular values, the three measuring points must not be positioned on one straight line.

The spatial angles that are needed for tilting the working plane are saved in parameters Q170 – Q172. With the first two measuring points you also specify the direction of the reference axis when tilting the working plane.

The third measuring point determines the direction of the tool axis. Define the third measuring point in the direction of the positive Y axis to ensure that the position of the tool axis in a clockwise coordinate system is correct.

**Cycle parameters**

- ▶ **Q263 1st measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q264 1st measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q294 1st measuring point in 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the first touch point in the touch probe axis. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q265 2nd measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q266 2nd measuring point in 2nd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q295 2nd measuring point in 3rd axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the second touch point in the touch probe axis. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q296 3rd measuring point in 1st axis?** (absolute): Coordinate of the third touch point in the reference axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

**NC blocks****5 TCH PROBE 431 MEASURE PLANE**

**Q263=+20 ;1ST POINT 1ST AXIS**

**Q264=+20 ;1ST POINT 2ND AXIS**

**Q294=-10 ;1ST POINT 3RD AXIS**

- ▶ **Q297 3rd measuring point in 2nd axis?**  
(absolute): Coordinate of the third touch point in the minor axis of the working plane. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q298 3rd measuring point in 3rd axis?**  
(absolute): Coordinate of the third touch point in the touch probe axis. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q260 Clearance height?** (absolute): coordinate in the touch probe axis at which no collision between tool and workpiece (fixtures) can occur. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q281 Measuring log (0/1/2)?**: Definition of whether TNC should create a measuring log:  
**0**: Create no measuring log  
**1**: Create measuring log: The TNC will save the **log file TCHPR431.TXT** by default in the directory TNC:\.  
**2**: Interrupt the program run and display the measuring log on the TNC screen. Resume program run with NC Start.

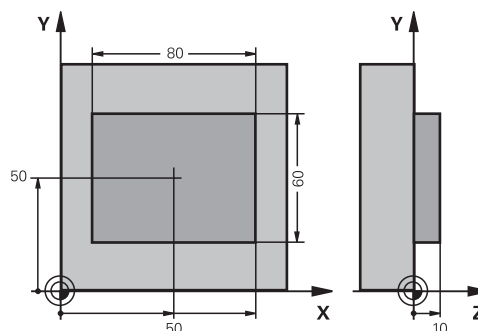
Q265=+50	;2ND PNT IN 1ST AXIS
Q266=+80	;2ND PNT IN 2ND AXIS
Q295=+0	;2ND PNT IN 3RD AXIS
Q296=+90	;3RD PNT IN 1ST AXIS
Q297=+35	;THIRD POINT 2ND AXIS
Q298=+12	;3RD PNT IN 3RD AXIS
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q260=+5	;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
Q281=1	;MEASURING LOG

## 15.14 Programming Examples

### Example: Measuring and reworking a rectangular stud

#### Program sequence

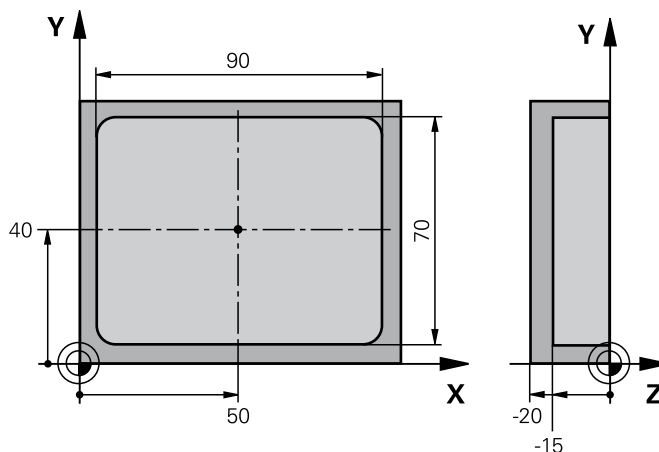
- Roughing with 0.5 mm finishing allowance
- Measuring
- Finishing in accordance with the measured values



<b>0 BEGIN PGM BEAMS MM</b>	
<b>1 TOOL CALL 69 Z</b>	Tool call for roughing
<b>2 L Z+100 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool
<b>3 FN 0: Q1 = +81</b>	Length of rectangle in X (roughing dimension)
<b>4 FN 0: Q2 = +61</b>	Length of rectangle in Y (roughing dimension)
<b>5 CALL LBL 1</b>	Call subprogram for machining
<b>6 L Z+100 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the tool, change the tool
<b>7 TOOL CALL 99 Z</b>	Call the touch probe
<b>8 TCH PROBE 424 MEAS. RECTAN. OUTS.</b>	Measure the rough-milled rectangle
Q273=+50 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	
Q274=+50 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	
Q282=80 ;FIRST SIDE LENGTH	Nominal length in X (final dimension)
Q283=60 ;2ND SIDE LENGTH	Nominal length in Y (final dimension)
Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT	
Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q260=+30 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	
Q301=0 ;MOVE TO CLEARANCE	
Q284=0 ;MAX. LIMIT 1ST SIDE	Input values for tolerance checking not required
Q285=0 ;MIN. LIMIT 1ST SIDE	
Q286=0 ;MAX. LIMIT 2ND SIDE	
Q287=0 ;MIN. LIMIT 2ND SIDE	
Q279=0 ;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER	
Q280=0 ;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER	
Q281=0 ;MEASURING LOG	No measuring log transmission
Q309=0 ;PGM STOP TOLERANCE	Do not output an error message
Q330=0 ;TOOL	No tool monitoring
<b>9 FN 2: Q1 = +Q1 - +Q164</b>	Calculate length in X including the measured deviation
<b>10 FN 2: Q2 = +Q2 - +Q165</b>	Calculate length in Y including the measured deviation
<b>11 L Z+100 R0 FMAX</b>	Retract the touch probe, change the tool

12 TOOL CALL 1 Z S5000	Tool call for finishing
13 CALL LBL 1	Call subprogram for machining
14 L Z+100 R0 FMAX M2	Retract in the tool axis, end program
15 LBL 1	Subprogram with fixed cycle for rectangular stud
16 CYCL DEF 213 STUD FINISHING	
Q200=20 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q201=-10 ;DEPTH	
Q206=150 ;FEED RATE FOR PLNGNG	
Q202=5 ;PLUNGING DEPTH	
Q207=500 ;FEED RATE FOR MILLNG	
Q203=+10 ;SURFACE COORDINATE	
Q204=20 ;2ND SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q216=+50 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	
Q217=+50 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	
Q218=Q1 ;FIRST SIDE LENGTH	Length in X variable for roughing and finishing
Q219=Q2 ;2ND SIDE LENGTH	Length in Y variable for roughing and finishing
Q220=0 ;CORNER RADIUS	
Q221=0 ;ALLOWANCE IN 1ST AXS	
17 CYCL CALL M3	Cycle call
18 LBL 0	End of subprogram
19 END PGM BEAMS MM	

### Example: Measuring a rectangular pocket and recording the results



0 BEGIN PGM BSMEAS MM	
1 TOOL CALL 1 Z	Tool call for touch probe
2 L Z+100 R0 FMAX	Retract the touch probe
3 TCH PROBE 423 MEAS. RECTAN. INSIDE	
Q273=+50 ;CENTER IN 1ST AXIS	
Q274=+40 ;CENTER IN 2ND AXIS	
Q282=90 ;FIRST SIDE LENGTH	Nominal length in X
Q283=70 ;2ND SIDE LENGTH	Nominal length in Y
Q261=-5 ;MEASURING HEIGHT	
Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE	
Q260=+20 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT	
Q301=0 ;MOVE TO CLEARANCE	
Q284=90.15 ;MAX. LIMIT 1ST SIDE	Maximum limit in X
Q285=89.95 ;MIN. LIMIT 1ST SIDE	Minimum limit in X
Q286=70.1 ;MAX. LIMIT 2ND SIDE	Maximum limit in Y
Q287=69.9 ;MIN. LIMIT 2ND SIDE	Minimum limit in Y
Q279=0.15 ;TOLERANCE 1ST CENTER	Permissible position deviation in X
Q280=0.1 ;TOLERANCE 2ND CENTER	Permissible position deviation in Y
Q281=1 ;MEASURING LOG	Save measuring log to a file
Q309=0 ;PGM STOP TOLERANCE	Do not display an error message in case of a tolerance violation
Q330=0 ;TOOL	No tool monitoring
4 L Z+100 R0 FMAX M2	Retract the tool, end program
5 END PGM BSMEAS MM	

# 16

**Touch Probe  
Cycles: Special  
Functions**

## 16.1 Fundamentals

### Overview

#### NOTICE

##### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.


- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



The TNC must be specially prepared by the machine tool builder for the use of a 3-D touch probe.

HEIDENHAIN only assumes liability for functionality of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.

The TNC provides a cycle for the following special purpose:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	3 MEASURING Cycle for defining OEM cycles	471

## 16.2 MEASURE (Cycle 3, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 3 measures any position on the workpiece in a selectable direction. Unlike other measuring cycles, Cycle 3 enables you to enter the measuring range **SET UP** and feed rate **F** directly. Also, the touch probe retracts by a definable value after determining the measured value **MB**.

- 1 The touch probe moves from the current position at the entered feed rate in the defined probing direction. The probing direction must be defined in the cycle as a polar angle.
- 2 After the TNC has saved the position, the touch probe stops. The TNC saves the X, Y, Z coordinates of the probe-tip center in three successive Q parameters. The TNC does not conduct any length or radius compensations. You define the number of the first result parameter in the cycle.
- 3 Finally, the TNC moves the touch probe back by that value against the probing direction that you defined in the parameter **MB**.

### Please note while programming:



The exact behavior of Touch Probe Cycle 3 is defined by your machine tool builder or a software manufacturer who uses it within specific touch probe cycles.



The **DIST** (maximum traverse to touch point) and **F** (probing feed rate) touch-probe data, which are effective in other measuring cycles, do not apply in Touch Probe Cycle 3.

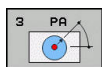
Remember that the TNC always writes to four successive Q parameters.

If the TNC was not able to determine a valid touch point, the program is run without error message. In this case the TNC assigns the value -1 to the 4th result parameter so that you can deal with the error yourself.

The TNC retracts the touch probe by no more than the retraction distance **MB** and does not pass the starting point of the measurement. This rules out any collision during retraction.

With function **FN17: SYSWRITE ID 990 NR 6** you can set whether the cycle runs through the probe input X12 or X13.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Parameter number for result?** Enter the number of the Q parameter to which you want the TNC to assign the first measured coordinate (X). The values Y and Z are in the immediately following Q parameters. Input range 0 to 1999
- ▶ **Probing axis?** Enter the axis in whose direction the probe is to move and confirm with the **ENT** key. Input range: X, Y or Z
- ▶ **Probing angle?** Angle, measured from the defined **probing axis** in which the touch probe is to move. Confirm with **ENT**. Input range -180.0000 to 180.0000
- ▶ **Maximum measuring range?** Enter the maximum distance from the starting point by which the touch probe may move. Confirm with **ENT**. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Feed rate measurement:** Enter the measuring feed rate in mm/min. Input range 0 to 3000.000
- ▶ **Maximum retraction distance?** Traverse path in the direction opposite the probing direction, after the stylus was deflected. The TNC returns the touch probe to a point no farther than the starting point, so that there can be no collision. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Reference system? (0=ACT/1=REF):** Define whether the probing direction and measuring result should reference the current coordinate system (**ACT**, can be shifted or rotated) or the machine coordinate system (**REF**):
  - 0:** Probe in the current system and save the measuring result to the **ACT** system
  - 1:** Probe in the fixed machine REF system and save the measuring result to the **ref** system.
- ▶ **Output an error message(0/1):** Specify whether the TNC is to issue an error message if the stylus is deflected at cycle start. If mode **1** is selected, the TNC saves the value **-1** in the 4th result parameter and continues the cycle:
  - 0:** Error message output
  - 1:** No error message output

## NC blocks

<b>4 TCH PROBE 3.0 MEASURING</b>
<b>5 TCH PROBE 3.1 Q1</b>
<b>6 TCH PROBE 3.2 X ANGLE: +15</b>
<b>7 TCH PROBE 3.3 ABST +10 F100 MB1 REFERENCE SYSTEM: 0</b>
<b>8 TCH PROBE 3.4 ERRORMODE1</b>

## 16.3 MEASURING IN 3-D (Cycle 4, software option 17)

### Cycle run



Cycle 4 is an auxiliary cycle that can be used for probing with any touch probe (TS, TT or TL). The TNC does not provide a cycle for calibrating the TS touch probe in any probing direction.

Touch probe cycle 4 measures any position on the workpiece in the probing direction defined by a vector. Unlike other measuring cycles, Cycle 4 enables you to enter the measuring distance and feed rate directly. You can also define the distance by which the touch probe retracts after determining the measured value.

- 1 The TNC moves from the current position at the entered feed rate in the defined probing direction. Define the probing direction in the cycle by using a vector (delta values in X, Y and Z)
- 2 After the TNC has saved the position, the TNC stops the probing motion. The TNC saves the X, Y, Z coordinates of the probing position in three successive Q parameters. You define the number of the first parameter in the cycle. If you are using a TS touch probe, the probe result is corrected by the calibrated center offset.
- 3 Finally, the TNC performs a positioning movement in the direction opposite to the direction of probing. You define the traverse path in parameter **MB**—the touch probe is moved to a point no farther than the starting point.

### Please note while programming:

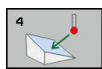


The TNC retracts the touch probe by no more than the retraction distance **MB** and does not pass the starting point of the measurement. This rules out any collision during retraction.

Ensure during pre-positioning that the TNC moves the probe-tip center without compensation to the defined position!

Remember that the TNC always writes to four successive Q parameters. If the TNC was not able to determine a valid touch point, the 4th result parameter will have the value -1.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Parameter number for result?** Enter the number of the Q parameter to which you want the TNC to assign the first measured coordinate (X). The values Y and Z are in the immediately following Q parameters. Input range 0 to 1999
- ▶ **Relative measuring path in X?:** X component of the direction vector defining the direction in which the touch probe is to move. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Relative measuring path in Y?:** Y component of the direction vector defining the direction in which the touch probe is to move. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Relative measuring path in Z?:** Z component of the direction vector defining the direction in which the touch probe is to move. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Maximum measuring range?:** Enter the maximum distance from the starting point by which the touch probe may move along the direction vector. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Feed rate measurement:** Enter the measuring feed rate in mm/min. Input range 0 to 3000.000
- ▶ **Maximum retraction distance?:** Traverse path in the direction opposite the probing direction, after the stylus was deflected. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Reference system? (0=ACT/1=REF):** Specify whether the result of probing is to be saved in the input coordinate system (**ACT**), or with respect to the machine coordinate system (**REF**):
  - 0:** Save measuring result to the **ACT** system
  - 1:** Save measuring result to the **ref** system

## NC blocks

<b>4 TCH PROBE 4.0 MEASURING IN 3-D</b>
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<b>5 TCH PROBE 4.1 Q1</b>
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<b>6 TCH PROBE 4.2 IX-0.5 IY-1 IZ-1</b>
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<b>7 TCH PROBE 4.3 ABST+45 F100 MB50 REFERENCE SYSTEM:0</b>
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### 16.4 Calibrating a touch trigger probe

In order to precisely specify the actual trigger point of a 3-D touch probe, you must calibrate the touch probe, otherwise the TNC cannot provide precise measuring results.




Always calibrate a touch probe in the following cases:

- Commissioning
- Stylus breakage
- Stylus exchange
- Change in the probe feed rate
- Irregularities caused, for example, when the machine heats up
- Change of active tool axis





The TNC assumes the calibration values for the active probe system directly after the calibration process. The updated tool data become effective immediately, and a new tool call is not necessary.

During calibration, the TNC finds the "effective" length of the stylus and the "effective" radius of the ball tip. To calibrate the 3-D touch probe, clamp a ring gauge or a stud of known height and known radius to the machine table.

The TNC provides calibration cycles for calibrating the length and the radius:

- ▶ Press the **TOUCH PROBE** soft key
-  ▶ Display the calibration cycles: Press **CALIBRATE TS**
- ▶ Select the calibration cycle

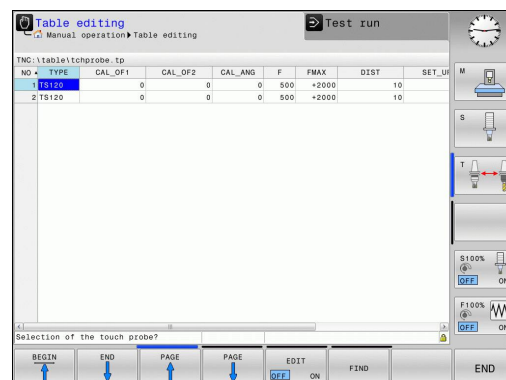
Calibration cycles of the TNC

Soft key	Function	Page
	Calibrating the length	481
	Measure the radius and the center offset using a calibration ring	483
	Measure the radius and the center offset using a stud or a calibration pin	485
	Measure the radius and the center offset using a calibration sphere	477

## 16.5 Displaying calibration values

The TNC saves the effective length and effective radius of the touch probe in the tool table. The TNC saves the ball-tip center offset of the touch probe in the touch-probe table in the **CAL\_OF1** (principal axis) and **CAL\_OF2** (secondary axis) columns. You can display the values on the screen by pressing the TOUCH PROBE TABLE soft key.

A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html. This file is stored in the same location as the original file. The measuring log can be displayed in the browser on the control. If a program uses more than one cycle to calibrate the touch probe, TCHPRAUTO.html will contain all the measuring logs. When running a touch probe cycle in the Manual Operation mode, the TNC saves the measuring log under the name TCHPRMAN.html. This file is stored in the folder TNC: \ \*.



Ensure that the tool number of the tool table and the touch-probe number of the touch-probe table are correct. This is regardless of whether you want to use a touch-probe cycle in automatic mode or **Manual operation** mode.



For more information, see the Chapter Touch probe table

## 16.6 CALIBRATE TS (Cycle 460, DIN/ISO: G460, software option 17)

With Cycle 460 you can calibrate a triggering 3-D touch probe automatically on an exact calibration sphere.

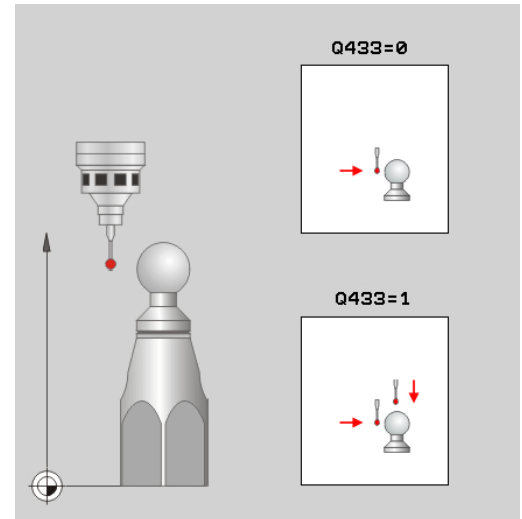
It is also possible to capture 3-D calibration data. Software option 92, 3D-ToolComp, is required for this purpose. 3-D calibration data describe the deflection behavior of the touch probe in any probing direction. The 3-D calibration data are stored under TNC:\system\CAL\_TS<T-Nr.>\_<T-Idx.>.3DTC. The DR2TABLE column of the tool table refers to the 3DTC table. The 3-D calibration data are then taken into account when probing. This 3-D calibration is necessary if you want to achieve a very high accuracy with Cycle 444 3-D Probing (See "3D PROBING (Cycle 444), (software option 17)").

### Cycle run

The setting in parameter **Q433** specifies whether you can perform radius and length calibration, or just radius calibration.

### Radius calibration Q433=0

- 1 Clamp the calibration sphere. Ensure the prevention of collisions
- 2 In the touch probe axis, position the touch probe over the calibration sphere, and in the working plane, approximately over the sphere center.
- 3 The TNC first moves in the plane, depending on the reference angle (Q380).
- 4 The TNC then positions the touch probe in touch-probe axis.
- 5 The probing process starts, and the TNC begins by searching for the equator of the calibration sphere
- 6 Once the equator has been determined, the radius calibration begins
- 7 Finally, the TNC returns the touch probe in the touch-probe axis to the height at which it had been pre-positioned.



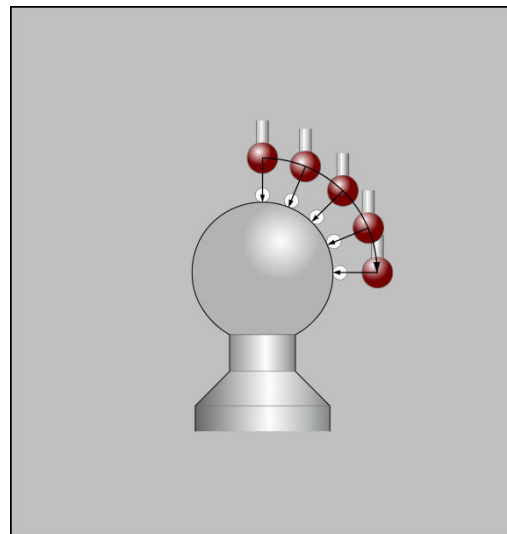
**Radius and length calibration Q433=1**

- 1 Clamp the calibration sphere. Ensure the prevention of collisions
- 2 In the touch probe axis, position the touch probe over the calibration sphere, and in the working plane, approximately over the sphere center.
- 3 The TNC first moves in the plane, depending on the reference angle (Q380).
- 4 The TNC then positions the touch probe in touch-probe axis.
- 5 The probing process starts, and the TNC begins by searching for the equator of the calibration sphere
- 6 Once the equator has been determined, the radius calibration begins
- 7 Then the TNC returns the touch probe in the touch-probe axis to the height at which it had been pre-positioned.
- 8 The TNC ascertains the length of the touch probe at the north pole of the calibration sphere
- 9 At the end of the cycle the TNC returns the touch probe in the touch-probe axis to the height at which it had been pre-positioned.

The setting in parameter **Q455** specifies whether you can perform an additional 3-D calibration.

**3-D calibration Q455= 1...30**

- 1 Clamp the calibration sphere. Ensure the prevention of collisions
- 2 After calibration of the radius or length, the TNC retracts the touch probe in touch-probe axis. Then the TNC positions the touch probe over the north pole
- 3 The probing process goes from the north pole to the equator in several steps. Deviations from the nominal value, and therefore the specific deflection behavior, are thus determined
- 4 You can specify the number of probing points between the north pole and the equator. This number depends on input parameter Q455. A value between 1 and 30 can be programmed. If you program Q455=0, no 3-D calibration will be performed.
- 5 The deviations determined during the calibration are stored in a 3DTC table.
- 6 At the end of the cycle the TNC returns the touch probe in the touch-probe axis to the height at which it had been pre-positioned.



Please note while programming:

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.



A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html. This file is stored in the same location as the original file. The measuring log can be displayed in the browser on the control. If a program uses more than one cycle to calibrate the touch probe, TCHPRAUTO.html will contain all the measuring logs.

The effective length of the touch probe is always referenced to the tool reference point. The tool reference point is often on the spindle nose (and face of the spindle). The machine manufacturer may also place the tool reference point at a different point.

Before a cycle definition you must program a tool call to define the touch-probe axis.

Pre-position the touch probe so that it is located approximately above the center of the calibration sphere.

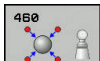
If you program Q455=0, the TNC will not perform a 3-D calibration.

If you program Q455=1-30, there will be a 3-D calibration of the touch probe. Deviations of the deflection behavior will thus be determined under various angles. If you use Cycle 444, you should first perform a 3-D calibration.

If you program Q455=1-30, a table will be stored under TNC:\Table\CAL\_TS<TNR.>\_<TIdx.>.3DTC. <TNR> is the number of the touch probe, and <Idx> is its index.

If there is already a reference to a calibration table (entry in DR2TABLE), this table will be overwritten.

If there is no reference to a calibration table (entry in DR2TABLE), then, in dependence of the tool number, a reference and the associated table will be created.



- ▶ **Q407 Radius of calib. sphere?** Enter the exact radius of the calibration sphere used. Input range 0.0001 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** (touch probe table), and is only effective when the preset is probed in the touch probe axis. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?**: Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0**: Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1**: Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q423 Number of probes?** (absolute): Number of measuring points on the diameter. Input range 0 to 8
- ▶ **Q380 Ref. angle in ref. axis?** (absolute): Enter the reference angle (basic rotation) for measuring the measuring points in the active workpiece coordinate system. Defining a reference angle can considerably enlarge the measuring range of an axis. Input range 0 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q433 Calibrate length (0/1)?**: Define whether the TNC is to calibrate the touch probe length after radius calibration, as well:  
**0**: Do not calibrate touch probe length  
**1**: Calibrate touch probe length
- ▶ **Q434 Preset for length?** (absolute): Coordinate of the calibration sphere center. The definition is only required if length calibration is to be carried out. Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q455 No. of points for 3-D calibrtn.?** Enter the number of probing points for 3-D calibration. A value of about 15 probing points is useful. If 0 is entered here, no 3-D calibration is performed. During 3-D calibration, the deflecting behavior of the touch probe is determined under various angles, and the values are stored in a table. 3D-ToolComp is required for 3-D calibration. Input range 1 to 30

#### NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 460 CALIBRATION OF TS ON A SPHERE	
Q407=12.5	;SPHERE RADIUS
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q301=1	;MOVE TO CLEARANCE
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q380=+0	;REFERENCE ANGLE
Q433=0	;CALIBRATE LENGTH
Q434=-2.5	;PRESET
Q455=15	;NO. POINTS 3-D CAL.

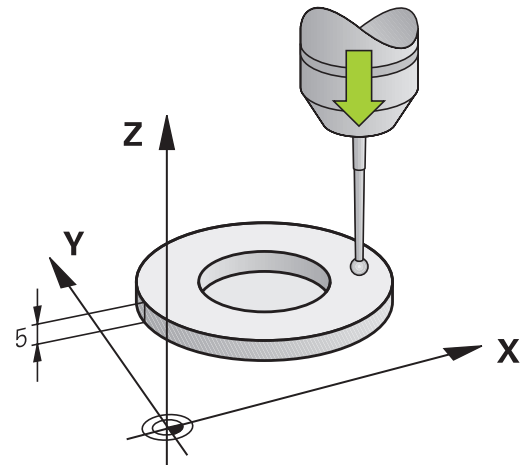
## 16.7 CALIBRATE TS LENGTH (Cycle 461, DIN/ISO: G461, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Before starting the calibration cycle, you must set the preset in the spindle axis so that  $Z=0$  on the machine table; you must also preposition the touch probe over the calibration ring.

A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html. This file is stored in the same location as the original file. The measuring log can be displayed in the browser on the control. If a program uses more than one cycle to calibrate the touch probe, TCHPRAUTO.html will contain all the measuring logs.

- 1 The TNC orients the touch probe to the angle **CAL\_ANG** from the touch probe table (only if your touch probe can be oriented).
- 2 The TNC probes from the current position in a negative spindle axis direction at the probing feed rate (column **F** from the touch probe table).
- 3 The TNC then returns the touch probe at rapid traverse (column **FMAX** from the touch probe table) to the start position.



Please note while programming:

## NOTICE

### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



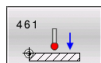
HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.



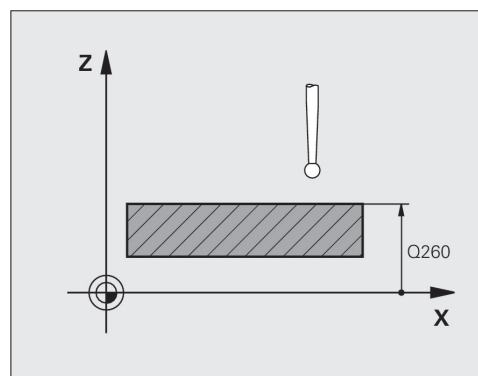
The effective length of the touch probe is always referenced to the tool reference point. The tool reference point is often on the spindle nose (and face of the spindle). The machine manufacturer may also place the tool reference point at a different point.

Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html.



- ▶ **Q434 Preset for length?** (absolute): Reference for the length (e.g. height of the ring gauge). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999



### NC blocks

**5 TCH PROBE 461 TS CALIBRATION OF TOOL LENGTH**

**Q434=+5 ;PRESET**

## 16.8 CALIBRATE TS RADIUS INSIDE (Cycle 462, DIN/ISO: G462, software option 17)

### Cycle run

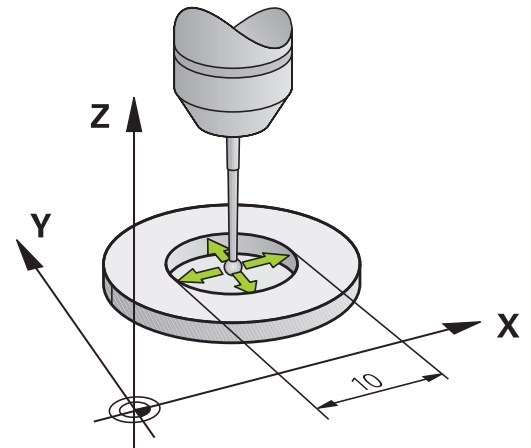
Before starting the calibration cycle, you need to preposition the touch probe in the center of the calibration ring and at the required measuring height.

When calibrating the ball tip radius, the TNC executes an automatic probing routine. During the first probing cycle, the TNC determines the center of the calibration ring or stud (coarse measurement) and positions the touch probe in the center. Then the ball tip radius is determined during the actual calibration process (fine measurement). If the touch probe allows probing from opposite orientations, the center offset is determined during another cycle.

A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html. This file is stored in the same location as the original file. The measuring log can be displayed in the browser on the control. If a program uses more than one cycle to calibrate the touch probe, TCHPRAUTO.html will contain all the measuring logs.

The touch probe orientation determines the calibration routine:

- No orientation possible or orientation possible in only one direction: The TNC executes one approximate and one fine measurement and determines the effective ball tip radius (column R in tool.t)
- Orientation possible in two directions (e.g. HEIDENHAIN touch probes with cable): The TNC executes one approximate and one fine measurement, rotates the touch probe by 180° and then executes four more probing operations. The center offset (CAL\_OF in tchprobe.tp) is determined in addition to the radius by probing from opposite orientations.
- Any orientation possible (e.g. HEIDENHAIN infrared touch probes): For probing routine, see "orientation possible in two directions."



Please note while programming:

## NOTICE

### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

The center offset can be determined only with a suitable touch probe.

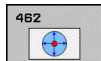
A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html.



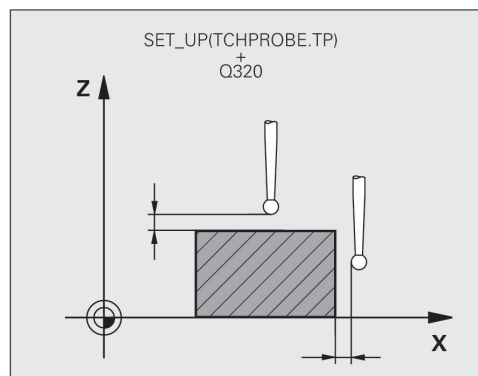
In order to be able to determine the ball-tip center misalignment, the TNC needs to be specially prepared by the machine manufacturer. The machine manual provides further information.

The characteristic of whether and how your touch probe can be oriented is already defined in HEIDENHAIN touch probes. Other touch probes are configured by the machine tool builder.

HEIDENHAIN only gives warranty for the function of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.



- ▶ **Q407 RING RADIUS** Enter the radius of the ring gauge. Input range 0 to 9.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q423 Number of probes?** (absolute): Number of measuring points on the diameter. Input range 0 to 8
- ▶ **Q380 Ref. angle in ref. axis?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range 0 to 360.0000



### NC blocks

#### 5 TCH PROBE 462 CALIBRATION OF A TS IN A RING

Q407=+5 ;RING RADIUS

Q320=+0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE

Q423=+8 ;NO. OF PROBE POINTS

Q380=+0 ;REFERENCE ANGLE

## 16.9 CALIBRATE TS RADIUS OUTSIDE (Cycle 463, DIN/ISO: G463, software option 17)

### Cycle run

Before starting the calibration cycle, you need to preposition the touch probe above the center of the calibration pin. Position the touch probe in the touch probe axis by approximately the safety clearance (value from touch probe table + value from cycle) above the calibration pin.

When calibrating the ball tip radius, the TNC executes an automatic probing routine. During the first probing cycle, the TNC determines the center of the calibration ring or stud (coarse measurement) and positions the touch probe in the center. Then the ball tip radius is determined during the actual calibration process (fine measurement). If the touch probe allows probing from opposite orientations, the center offset is determined during another cycle.

A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html. This file is stored in the same location as the original file. The measuring log can be displayed in the browser on the control. If a program uses more than one cycle to calibrate the touch probe, TCHPRAUTO.html will contain all the measuring logs.

The touch probe orientation determines the calibration routine:

- No orientation possible or orientation possible in only one direction: The TNC executes one approximate and one fine measurement and determines the effective ball tip radius (column R in tool.t)
- Orientation possible in two directions (e.g. HEIDENHAIN touch probes with cable): The TNC executes one approximate and one fine measurement, rotates the touch probe by 180° and then executes four more probing operations. The center offset (CAL\_OF in tchprobe.tp) is determined in addition to the radius by probing from opposite orientations.
- Any orientation possible (e.g. HEIDENHAIN infrared touch probes): For probing routine, see "orientation possible in two directions."

Please note while programming:

## NOTICE

### Danger of collision!

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



Before a cycle definition you must have programmed a tool call to define the touch probe axis.

The center offset can be determined only with a suitable touch probe.

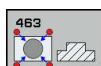
A measuring log is created automatically during calibration. The log file is named TCHPRAUTO.html.



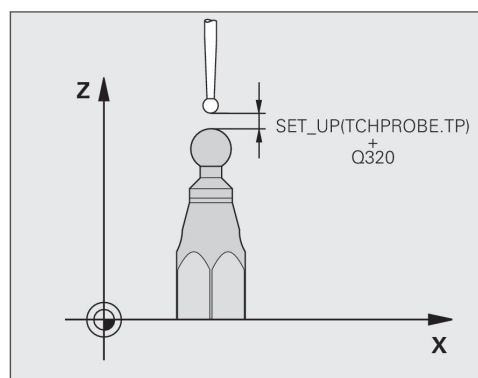
In order to be able to determine the ball-tip center misalignment, the TNC needs to be specially prepared by the machine manufacturer. The machine manual provides further information.

The characteristic of whether and how your touch probe can be oriented is already defined in HEIDENHAIN touch probes. Other touch probes are configured by the machine tool builder.

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- ▶ **Q407 Radius of calibr. stud?:** Diameter of the ring gauge. Input range 0 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q301 Move to clearance height (0/1)?:** Definition of how the touch probe is to move between the measuring points:  
**0:** Move at measuring height between measuring points  
**1:** Move at clearance height between measuring points
- ▶ **Q423 Number of probes?** (absolute): Number of measuring points on the diameter. Input range 0 to 8
- ▶ **Q380 Ref. angle in ref. axis?** (absolute): Angle between the reference axis of the working plane and the first touch point. Input range 0 to 360.0000



### NC blocks

#### 5 TCH PROBE 463 TS CALIBRATION ON STUD

Q407=+5 ;STUD RADIUS

Q320=+0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE

Q301=+1 ;MOVE TO CLEARANCE

Q423=+8 ;NO. OF PROBE POINTS

Q380=+0 ;REFERENCE ANGLE

## 16.10 FAST PROBING (Cycle 441, DIN/ISO G441, software option 17)

### Cycle run

You can use the touch probe cycle 441 to globally specify various touch probe parameters (e.g. the positioning feed rate) for all subsequently used touch probe cycles.

### Please note while programming:



Cycle 441 sets parameters for touch probe cycles. This cycle does not perform machine movements

**END PGM, M2, M30** resets the global settings of Cycle 441.

Cycle parameter **Q399** depends on your machine configuration. Orienting the touch probe system via the NC program must be enabled by your machine tool builder.

The feed rate can also be limited by your machine tool builder. The absolute maximum feed rate is defined in the machine parameter **maxTouchFeed** (No. 122602).

Even if your machine has separate potentiometers for rapid traverse and feed rate, you can control the feed rate, also with Q397=1, only with the potentiometer for feed motions.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q396 Positioning feed rate?:** Define the feed rate at which the TNC executes positioning movements of the touch probe. Input range 0 to 99999.9999, alternatively **FMAX**, **FAUTO**
- ▶ **Q397 Pre-pos. at machine's rapid?:** Define whether the TNC, when pre-positioning the touch probe, traverses with the **FMAX** feed rate (machine's rapid traverse):
  - 0:** Pre-position with feed rate from **Q396**
  - 1:** Pre-position with machine's rapid traverse **FMAX**
 Even if your machine has separate potentiometers for rapid traverse and feed rate, you can control the feed rate, also with Q397=1, only with the potentiometer for feed motions. The feed rate can also be limited by your machine tool builder. The absolute maximum feed rate is defined in the machine parameter **maxTouchFeed** (No. 122602).
- ▶ **Q399 Angle tracking (0/1)?:** Define whether the TNC orients the touch probe before each probing process:
  - 0:** No orientation
  - 1:** Orient spindle before each probing process (improves the accuracy)
- ▶ **Q400 Automatic interruption?** Define whether the TNC following a measuring cycle for automatic workpiece measurement interrupts the program run and outputs the measuring results to the screen:
  - 0:** Do not interrupt program run even if in the specific probing cycle the output of measuring results to the screen is selected
  - 1:** Interrupt program run and output measuring results to the screen. Program run can then be continued with NC start

## NC blocks

5 TCH PROBE 441 FAST PROBING	
Q 396=3000	;POSITIONING FEED RATE
Q 397=0	;SELECT FEED RATE
Q 399=1	;ANGLE TRACKING
Q 400=1	;INTERRUPTION

# 17

**Touch Probe  
Cycles: Automatic  
Kinematics  
Measurement**

## 17.1 Kinematics measurement with TS touch probes (KinematicsOpt option)

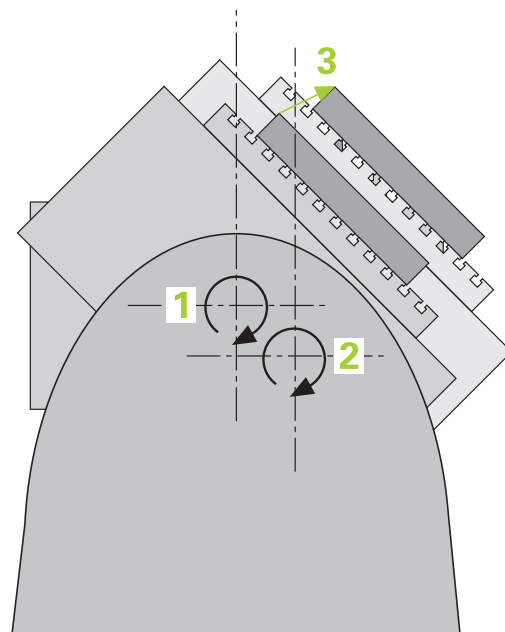
### Fundamentals

Accuracy requirements are becoming increasingly stringent, particularly in the area of 5-axis machining. Complex parts need to be manufactured with precision and reproducible accuracy even over long periods.

Some of the reasons for inaccuracy in multi-axis machining are deviations between the kinematic model saved in the control (see **1** in the figure at right), and the kinematic conditions actually existing on the machine (see **2** in the figure at right). When the rotary axes are positioned, these deviations cause inaccuracy of the workpiece (see **3** in the figure at right). It is therefore necessary for the model to approach reality as closely as possible.




The TNC function **KinematicsOpt** is an important component that helps you to really fulfill these complex requirements: a 3-D touch probe cycle measures the rotary axes on your machine fully automatically, regardless of whether they are in the form of tables or spindle heads. A calibration sphere is fixed at any position on the machine table, and measured with a resolution that you define. During cycle definition you simply define for each rotary axis the area that you want to measure.

From the measured values, the TNC calculates the static tilting accuracy. The software minimizes the positioning error arising from the tilting movements and, at the end of the measurement process, automatically saves the machine geometry in the respective machine constants of the kinematic table.



### Overview

The TNC offers cycles that enable you to automatically save, check and optimize the machine kinematics:

Soft key	Cycle	Page
	<b>450 SAVE KINEMATICS</b> Automatic saving and restoring of kinematic configurations	493
	<b>451 MEASURE KINEMATICS</b> Automatic checking or optimizing the machine kinematics	496
	<b>452 PRESET COMPENSATION</b> Automatic checking or optimizing the machine kinematics	510

## 17.2 Prerequisites

The following are prerequisites for using the KinematicsOpt option:

- The software options 48 (KinematicsOpt), 8 (Software option 1) and 17 (Touch Probe function) must be enabled.
- The 3-D touch probe used for the measurement must be calibrated.
- The cycles can only be carried out with the tool axis Z.
- A calibration sphere with an exactly known radius and sufficient rigidity must be attached to any position on the machine table. HEIDENHAIN recommends using the calibration spheres **KKH 250 (ID number 655475-01)** or **KKH 100 (ID number 655475-02)**, which have particularly high rigidity and are designed especially for machine calibration. Please contact HEIDENHAIN if you have any questions in this regard.
- The kinematics description of the machine must be complete and correct. The transformation values must be entered with an accuracy of approx. 1 mm.
- The complete machine geometry must have been measured (by the machine tool builder during commissioning).
- The machine tool builder must have defined the machine parameters for **CfgKinematicsOpt** (No. 204800) in the configuration data. **maxModification** (No. 204801) specifies the tolerance limit starting from which the TNC is to display a message if the changes to the kinematic data exceed this limit value. **maxDevCalBall** (No. 204802) defines how much the measured radius of the calibration sphere may deviate from the entered cycle parameter. **mStrobeRotAxPos** (No. 204803) defines an M function that is specifically configured by the machine manufacturer and is used to position the rotary axes.

**Please note while programming:****NOTICE****Danger of collision!**

Cycles for coordinate transformation must not be active during execution of the touch probe cycles.

- ▶ Do not activate the following cycles before using touch probe cycles: Cycle **7 DATUM SHIFT**, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **10 ROTATION**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING**
- ▶ Reset any coordinate transformations beforehand



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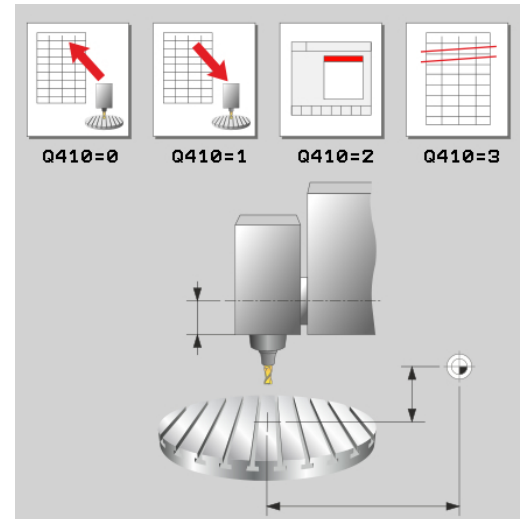
If an M function has been defined in machine parameter **mStrobeRotAxPos** (No. 204803), you have to position the rotary axes to 0° (ACTUAL system) before starting one of the KinematicsOpt cycles (except for 450).

If machine parameters were changed through the KinematicsOpt cycles, the control must be restarted. Otherwise the changes could be lost in certain circumstances.

## 17.3 SAVE KINEMATICS (Cycle 450, DIN/ISO: G450, option)

### Cycle run

With Touch Probe Cycle 450 you can save the active machine kinematic configuration or restore a previously saved one. The saved data can be displayed and deleted. 16 memory spaces in total are available.



### Please note while programming:



Always save the active kinematics configuration before running a kinematics optimization. Advantage:

- You can restore the old data if you are not satisfied with the results or if errors occur during optimization (e.g. power failure).

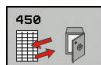
With the **Restore** mode, note that

- the TNC can restore saved data only to a matching kinematic configuration.
- a change in the kinematics always changes the preset as well. Set the preset again if necessary.



Saving and restoring with Cycle 450 should only be performed if no tool carrier kinematics with transformations is active

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q410 Mode (0/1/2/3)?**: Define if you wish to backup or restore the kinematics:
  - 0**: Backup active kinematics
  - 1**: Restore saved kinematics
  - 2**: Display current memory status
  - 3**: Delete a data record
- ▶ **Q409/QS409 Name of data record?**: Number or name of the data block designator. For numbers you can enter values from 0 to 99999, and when entering letters the string length may be no longer than 16 characters. 16 memory spaces in total are available. Q409 has no function if Mode 2 has been selected. Wildcards can be used for searches in Modes 1 and 3 (Restore and Delete). If the TNC finds several possible data records because of the wildcards, the TNC restores the mean values of the data (Mode 1) or deletes all data blocks after confirmation (Mode 3). You can use the following wildcards for searching:
  - ?**: A single indefinite character
  - \$**: A single alphabetic character (letter)
  - #**: A single indefinite number
  - \***: An indefinite character string of any length

## Logging function

After running Cycle 450, the TNC will create a measuring log (**tchprAUTO.html**) containing the following information:

- Creation date and time of the log
- Name of the NC program from which the cycle was run
- Designator of the current kinematics
- Active tool

The other data in the log vary depending on the selected mode:

- Mode 0: Logging of all axis entries and transformation entries of the kinematics chain that the TNC has saved.
- Mode 1: Logging of all transformation entries before and after restoring the kinematics configuration.
- Mode 2: List of the saved data records.
- Mode 3: List of the deleted data records.

### Saving the current kinematics

**5 TCH PROBE 450 SAVE KINEMATICS**

**Q410=0 ;MODE**

**Q409=947 ;MEMORY DESIGNATION**

### Restoring data blocks

**5 TCH PROBE 450 SAVE KINEMATICS**

**Q410=1 ;MODE**

**Q409=948 ;MEMORY DESIGNATION**

### Displaying all saved data blocks

**5 TCH PROBE 450 SAVE KINEMATICS**

**Q410=2 ;MODE**

**Q409=949 ;MEMORY DESIGNATION**

### Deleting data blocks

**5 TCH PROBE 450 SAVE KINEMATICS**

**Q410=3 ;MODE**

**Q409=950 ;MEMORY DESIGNATION**

## Notes on data management

The TNC stores the saved data in the file **TNC:\table\DATA450.KD**. This file can be backed up on an external PC with **TNCremo**, for example. If the file is deleted, the stored data are removed, too. If the data in the file are changed manually, the data records can become corrupted so that they cannot be used anymore.



If the **TNC:\table\DATA450.KD** file does not exist, it is generated automatically when Cycle 450 is executed.

Make sure that you delete empty files with the name **TNC:\table\DATA450.KD**, if any, before starting Cycle 450. If there is an empty storage table (**TNC:\table\DATA450.KD**) that does not contain any lines yet, an error message will be displayed upon starting to run Cycle 450. In this case, delete the empty storage table and call the cycle again.

Do not change stored data manually.

Make a backup of the **TNC:\table\DATA450.KD** file so that you can restore the file, if necessary (e.g. if the data medium is damaged).

## 17.4 MEASURE KINEMATICS (Cycle 451, DIN/ISO: G451, option)

### Cycle run

Touch Probe Cycle 451 enables you to check and, if required, optimize the kinematics of your machine. Use the 3-D TS touch probe to measure a HEIDENHAIN calibration sphere that you have attached to the machine table.



HEIDENHAIN recommends using the calibration spheres **KKH 250** (ID number 655 475-01) or **KKH 100 (ID number 655 475-02)**, which have particularly high rigidity and are designed especially for machine calibration. Please contact HEIDENHAIN if you have any questions in this regard.

The TNC evaluates the static tilting accuracy. The software minimizes the spatial error arising from the tilting movements and, at the end of the measurement process, automatically saves the machine geometry in the respective machine constants of the kinematics description.

- 1 Clamp the calibration sphere and check for potential collisions.
- 2 In the Manual Operation mode, set the preset in the center of the sphere or, if **Q431=1** or **Q431=3** is defined: Manually position the touch probe over the calibration sphere in the touch probe axis, and in the center of the sphere in the working plane.
- 3 Select the Program Run mode and start the calibration program.
- 4 The TNC automatically measures all three axes successively in the resolution you defined.
- 5 The TNC saves the measured values in the following Q parameters:



Parameter number	Meaning
Q141	Standard deviation measured in the A axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q142	Standard deviation measured in the B axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q143	Standard deviation measured in the C axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q144	Optimized standard deviation in the A axis (-1 if axis was not optimized)
Q145	Optimized standard deviation in the B axis (-1 if axis was not optimized)
Q146	Optimized standard deviation in the C axis (-1 if axis was not optimized)
Q147	Offset error in X direction, for manual transfer to the corresponding machine parameter
Q148	Offset error in Y direction, for manual transfer to the corresponding machine parameter
Q149	Offset error in Z direction, for manual transfer to the corresponding machine parameter

## Positioning direction

The positioning direction of the rotary axis to be measured is determined from the start angle and the end angle that you define in the cycle. A reference measurement is automatically performed at 0°.

Specify the start and end angles to ensure that the same position is not measured twice. A duplicated point measurement (e.g. measuring positions +90° and -270°) is not advisable, but it does not cause an error message.

- Example: Start angle = +90°, end angle = -90°
  - Start angle = +90°
  - End angle = -90°
  - No. of measuring points = 4
  - Stepping angle resulting from the calculation =  $(-90^\circ - +90^\circ) / (4-1) = -60^\circ$
  - Measuring point 1 = +90°
  - Measuring point 2 = +30°
  - Measuring point 3 = -30°
  - Measuring point 4 = -90°
- Example: start angle = +90°, end angle = +270°
  - Start angle = +90°
  - End angle = +270°
  - No. of measuring points = 4
  - Stepping angle resulting from the calculation =  $(270^\circ - 90^\circ) / (4-1) = +60^\circ$
  - Measuring point 1 = +90°
  - Measuring point 2 = +150°
  - Measuring point 3 = +210°
  - Measuring point 4 = +270°

## Machines with Hirth-coupled axes

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

In order to be positioned, the axis must move out of the Hirth coupling. If necessary, the TNC rounds the calculated measuring positions so that they fit into the Hirth grid (depending on the start angle, end angle and number of measuring points).

- So remember to leave a large enough safety clearance to prevent any risk of collision between the touch probe and calibration sphere
- Also ensure that there is enough space to reach the safety clearance (software limit switch)

### NOTICE

#### Danger of collision!

Depending on the machine configuration, the TNC cannot position the rotary axes automatically. If this is the case, you need a special M function from the machine tool builder enabling the TNC to move the rotary axes. The machine tool builder must have entered the number of the M function in machine parameter **mStrobeRotAxPos** (No. 244803) for this purpose.

- Note the documentation of the machine tool builder

Define a retraction height **Q408** greater than 0 if software option 2 (**M128, FUNCTION TCPM**) is not available.

The measuring positions are calculated from the start angle, end angle and number of measurements for the respective axis and from the Hirth grid.

#### Example calculation of measuring positions for an A axis:

Start angle **Q411** = -30

End angle **Q412** = +90

Number of measuring points **Q414** = 4

Hirth grid = 3°

Calculated stepping angle = (Q412 – Q411) / (Q414 – 1)

Calculated stepping angle = (90° - (-30°)) / (4 – 1) = 120 / 3 = 40°

Measuring position 1 = Q411 + 0 \* stepping angle = -30° -> -30°

Measuring position 2 = Q411 + 1 \* stepping angle = +10° -> 9°

Measuring position 3 = Q411 + 2 \* stepping angle = +50° -> 51°

Measuring position 4 = Q411 + 3 \* stepping angle = +90° -> 90°

## Choice of number of measuring points

To save time you can make a rough optimization with a small number of measuring points (1 or 2), for example during commissioning.

You then make a fine optimization with a medium number of measuring points (recommended value = approx. 4). Higher numbers of measuring points do not usually improve the results. Ideally, you should distribute the measuring points evenly over the tilting range of the axis.

This is why you should measure an axis with a tilting range of  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$  at three measuring points, namely at  $90^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  and  $270^\circ$ . Thus, define a starting angle of  $90^\circ$  and an end angle of  $270^\circ$ .

If you want to check the accuracy accordingly, you can also enter a higher number of measuring points in the **Check** mode.



If a measuring point has been defined at  $0^\circ$ , it will be ignored because the reference measurement is always done at  $0^\circ$ .

## Choice of the calibration sphere position on the machine table

In principle, you can fix the calibration sphere to any accessible position on the machine table and also on fixtures or workpieces. The following factors should positively influence the result of measurement:

- On machine with rotary tables/tilting tables: Clamp the calibrating ball as far as possible away from the center of rotation.
- On machines with very large traverse paths: Clamp the calibration sphere as closely as possible to the position intended for subsequent machining.

## Notes on the accuracy

The geometrical and positioning errors of the machine influence the measured values and therefore also the optimization of a rotary axis. For this reason there will always be a certain amount of error.

If there were no geometrical and positioning errors, any values measured by the cycle at any point on the machine at a certain time would be exactly reproducible. The greater the geometrical and positioning errors are, the greater is the dispersion of measured results when you perform measurements at different positions.

The dispersion of results recorded by the TNC in the measuring log is a measure of the machine's static tilting accuracy. However, the measuring circle radius and the number and position of measuring points have to be included in the evaluation of accuracy. One measuring point alone is not enough to calculate dispersion. For only one point, the result of the calculation is the spatial error of that measuring point.

If several rotary axes are moved simultaneously, their error values are combined. In the worst case they are added together.



If your machine is equipped with a controlled spindle, you should activate the angle tracking in the touch probe table (**TRACK column**). This generally increases the accuracy of measurements with a 3-D touch probe.

If required, deactivate the lock on the rotary axes for the duration of the calibration. Otherwise it may falsify the results of measurement. The machine tool manual provides further information.

## Notes on various calibration methods

- **Rough optimization during commissioning after entering approximate dimensions.**
  - Number of measuring points between 1 and 2
  - Angular step of the rotary axes: Approx. 90°
- **Fine optimization over the entire range of traverse**
  - Number of measuring points between 3 and 6
  - The start and end angles should cover the largest possible traverse range of the rotary axes.
  - Position the calibration sphere on the machine table so that on rotary table axes there is a large measuring circle, or so that on swivel head axes the measurement can be made at a representative position (e.g. in the center of the traverse range).
- **Optimization of a specific rotary axis position**
  - Number of measuring points between 2 and 3
  - The measurements are made near the rotary axis angle at which the workpiece is to be machined.
  - Position the calibration sphere on the machine table for calibration at the position subsequently intended for machining.
- **Inspecting the machine accuracy**
  - Number of measuring points between 4 and 8
  - The start and end angles should cover the largest possible traverse range of the rotary axes.
- **Determination of the rotary axis backlash**
  - Number of measuring points between 8 and 12
  - The start and end angles should cover the largest possible traverse range of the rotary axes.

## Backlash

Backlash is a small amount of play between the rotary or angle encoder and the table that occurs when the traverse direction is reversed. If the rotary axes have backlash outside of the control loop, for example because the angle measurement is made with the motor encoder, this can result in significant error during tilting.

With input parameter **Q432** you can activate backlash measurement. Enter an angle that the TNC uses as traversing angle. The cycle will then carry out two measurements per rotary axis. If you take over the angle value 0, the TNC will not measure any backlash.



The TNC does not perform an automatic backlash compensation.

If the measuring circle radius is  $< 1$  mm, the TNC does not calculate the backlash. The larger the measuring circle radius, the more accurately the TNC can determine the rotary axis backlash (See "Logging function", page 509).

Backlash measurement is not possible if an M function is set for positioning the rotary axes in machine parameter **mStrobeRotAxPos** (No. 204803) or if the axis is a Hirth axis.

**Please note while programming:**

Before starting the cycle make sure that **M128** or **FUNCTION TCPM** is deactivated.

Cycle 453, as with 451 and 452, is exited with an active 3-D ROT in automatic mode that matches the position of the rotary axes.

Position the calibration sphere on the machine table so that there can be no collisions during the measuring process.

Before defining the cycle you must set the preset in the center of the calibration sphere and activate it, or you define the input parameter Q431 correspondingly to 1 or 3.

If machine parameter **mStrobeRotAxPos** (No. 204803) is not equal to -1 (M function positions the rotary axis), only start a measurement if all rotary axes are at 0°.

For the positioning feed rate when moving to the probing height in the touch probe axis, the TNC uses the value from cycle parameter **Q253** or the **FMAX** value, whichever is smaller. The TNC always moves the rotary axes at positioning feed rate **Q253**, while the probe monitoring is inactive.

The TNC ignores cycle definition data that applies to inactive axes.

If you interrupt the cycle during the measurement, the kinematic data might no longer be in the original condition. Save the active kinematic configuration before an optimization with Cycle 450, so that in case of an emergency the most recently active kinematic configuration can be restored.

For angle optimization, the machine manufacturer must have adapted the configuration correspondingly. Angle optimization can be particularly useful on small, compact machines.

Compensation of the angle is only possible with option #52 **KinematicsComp**.



If the kinematic data attained in the Optimize mode are greater than the permissible limit (**maxModification**), the TNC shows a warning. Then you have to confirm acceptance of the attained value by pressing NC start.

Note that a change in the kinematics always changes the preset as well. After an optimization, reset the preset.

In every probing process the TNC first measures the radius of the calibration sphere. If the measured sphere radius differs from the entered sphere radius by more than you have defined in machine parameter **maxDevCalBall** (No. 204802) the TNC shows an error message and ends the measurement.

Programming in inches: The TNC always records the log data and results of measurement in millimeters.

## Cycle parameters



- **Q406 Mode (0/1/2):** Specify whether the TNC should check or optimize the active kinematics:  
**0:** Check active machine kinematics. The TNC measures the kinematics in the rotary axes you have defined, but it does not make any changes to it. The TNC displays the results of measurement in a measurement log.  
**1:** Optimize active machine kinematics: The TNC measures the kinematics in the rotary axes you have defined. It then optimizes **the position of the rotary axes** of the active kinematics.  
**2:** Optimize active machine kinematics: The TNC measures the kinematics in the rotary axes you have defined. It then optimizes **angle and positioning errors**. Software option 52 KinematicsComp is required for compensation of angle errors.
- **Q407 Radius of calib. sphere?** Enter the exact radius of the calibration sphere used. Input range 0.0001 to 99.9999
- **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999 Alternatively **PREDEF**
- **Q408 Retraction height?** (absolute) Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999  
**0:** Do not move to any retraction height. The TNC moves to the next measuring position in the axis to be measured. Not allowed for Hirth axes! The TNC moves to the first measuring position in the sequence A, then B, then C  
**>0:** Retraction height in the untilted workpiece coordinate system to which the TNC positions before a rotary axis positioning in the spindle axis. Also, the TNC moves the touch probe in the working plane to the datum. The touch probe monitor is not active in this mode. Define the positioning speed in parameter Q253
- **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?** Enter the traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during positioning. Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999; alternatively **FMAX, FAUTO, PREDEF**

## Saving and checking the kinematics

<b>4 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z</b>
<b>5 TCH PROBE 450 SAVE KINEMATICS</b>
Q410=0 ;MODE
Q409=5 ;MEMORY DESIGNATION
<b>6 TCH PROBE 451 MEASURE KINEMATICS</b>
Q406=0 ;MODE
Q407=12.5 ;SPHERE RADIUS
Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q408=0 ;RETR. HEIGHT
Q253=750 ;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q380=0 ;REFERENCE ANGLE
Q411=-90 ;START ANGLE A AXIS
Q412=+90 ;END ANGLE A AXIS
Q413=0 ;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS
Q414=0 ;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS
Q415=-90 ;START ANGLE B AXIS
Q416=+90 ;END ANGLE B AXIS
Q417=0 ;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS
Q418=2 ;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS
Q419=-90 ;START ANGLE C AXIS
Q420=+90 ;END ANGLE C AXIS
Q421=0 ;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS
Q422=2 ;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS
Q423=4 ;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q431=0 ;PRESET
Q432=0 ;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE

- ▶ **Q380 Ref. angle in ref. axis?** (absolute): Enter the reference angle (basic rotation) for measuring the measuring points in the active workpiece coordinate system. Defining a reference angle can considerably enlarge the measuring range of an axis. Input range 0 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q411 Starting angle in A axis?** (absolute): Starting angle in the A axis at which the first measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q412 End angle in A axis?** (absolute): End angle in the A axis at which the last measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q413 Angle of incidence in A axis?:** Angle of incidence in the A axis at which the other rotary axes are to be measured. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q414 No. of meas. points in A (0...12)?:** Number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the A axis. If the input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the respective axis. Input range 0 to 12
- ▶ **Q415 Starting angle in B axis?** (absolute): Starting angle in the B axis at which the first measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q416 End angle in B axis?** (absolute): End angle in the B axis at which the last measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q417 Angle of incidence in B axis?:** Angle of incidence in the B axis at which the other rotary axes are to be measured. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q418 No. of meas. points in B (0...12)?:** Number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the B axis. If the input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the respective axis. Input range 0 to 12
- ▶ **Q419 Starting angle in C axis?** (absolute): Starting angle in the C axis at which the first measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q420 End angle in C axis?** (absolute): End angle in the C axis at which the last measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q421 Angle of incidence in C axis?:** Angle of incidence in the C axis at which the other rotary axes are to be measured. Input range -359.999 to 359.999

- ▶ **Q422 No. of meas. points in C (0...12)?:** Number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the C axis. Input range 0 to 12. If the input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the respective axis.
- ▶ **Q423 Number of probes?** Define the number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the calibration sphere in the plane. Input range: 3 to 8. Less measuring points increase speed and more measuring points increase measurement precision.
- ▶ **Q431 Preset (0/1/2/3)?** Define whether the TNC automatically sets the active preset into the center of the sphere:
  - 0:** Do not set the preset automatically into the center of the sphere: Preset manually before cycle start
  - 1:** Automatically set the preset to the center of the sphere before measurement (the active preset is overwritten): Manually pre-position the touch probe before the cycle start via the calibration sphere
  - 2:** Automatically preset into the center of the sphere after measurement (the active preset is overwritten): Preset manually before cycle start
  - 3:** Preset before and after measurement into the center of the sphere (the active preset is overwritten): Pre-position the touch probe manually before cycle start via the calibration sphere
- ▶ **Q432 Angular range of backlash comp.?:** Here you define the angle value to be used as traverse for the measurement of the rotary axis backlash. The traversing angle must be significantly larger than the actual backlash of the rotary axes. If input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the backlash. Input range -3.0000 to +3.0000



If you have activated "Preset" before the calibration (Q431 = 1/3), then move the touch probe by the safety clearance (Q320 + SET\_UP) to a position approximately above the center of the calibration sphere before the start of the cycle.

## Various modes (Q406)

### Test mode Q406 = 0

- The TNC measures the rotary axes in the positions defined and calculates the static accuracy of the tilting transformation.
- The TNC records the results of a possible position optimization but does not make any adjustments.

### "Optimize position of rotary axes" mode Q406 = 1

- The TNC measures the rotary axes in the positions defined and calculates the static accuracy of the tilting transformation.
- During this, the TNC tries to change the position of the rotary axis in the kinematics model in order to achieve higher accuracy.
- The machine data is adjusted automatically.

### Position and Angle Optimization mode Q406 = 2

- The TNC measures the rotary axes in the positions defined and calculates the static accuracy of the tilting transformation.
- First the TNC tries to optimize the angular orientation of the rotary axis by means of compensation (option 52, KinematicsComp)
- Optimization of the angle is followed by optimization of the position. No additional measurements are necessary for this; the TNC calculates the position optimization automatically

### Position optimization of the rotary axes with preceding, automatic presetting and measurement of the rotary axis backlash

1 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z	
2 TCH PROBE 451 MEASURE KINEMATICS	
Q406=1	;MODE
Q407=12.5	;SPHERE RADIUS
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q408=0	;RETR. HEIGHT
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q380=0	;REFERENCE ANGLE
Q411=-90	;START ANGLE A AXIS
Q412=+90	;END ANGLE A AXIS
Q413=0	;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS
Q414=0	;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS
Q415=-90	;START ANGLE B AXIS
Q416=+90	;END ANGLE B AXIS
Q417=0	;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS
Q418=0	;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS
Q419=+90	;START ANGLE C AXIS
Q420=+270	;END ANGLE C AXIS
Q421=0	;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS
Q422=3	;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS
Q423=3	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q431=1	;PRESET
Q432=0.5	;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE

## Logging function

After running Cycle 451, the TNC creates a measuring log (**TCHPR451.TXT**) containing the following information:

- Creation date and time of the log
- Path of the NC program from which the cycle was run
- Mode used (0=Check/1=Optimize position/2=Optimize pose)
- Active kinematic number
- Entered calibration sphere radius
- For each measured rotary axis:
  - Starting angle
  - End angle
  - Angle of incidence
  - Number of measuring points
  - Dispersion (standard deviation)
  - Maximum error
  - Angular error
  - Averaged backlash
  - Averaged positioning error
  - Measuring circle radius
  - Compensation values in all axes (preset shift)
  - Position before optimization of the rotary axes checked (relative to the beginning of the kinematic transformation chain, usually the spindle nose)
  - Position after optimization of the rotary axes checked (relative to the beginning of the kinematic transformation chain, usually the spindle nose)

## 17.5 PRESET COMPENSATION (Cycle 452, DIN/ISO: G452, option)

### Cycle run

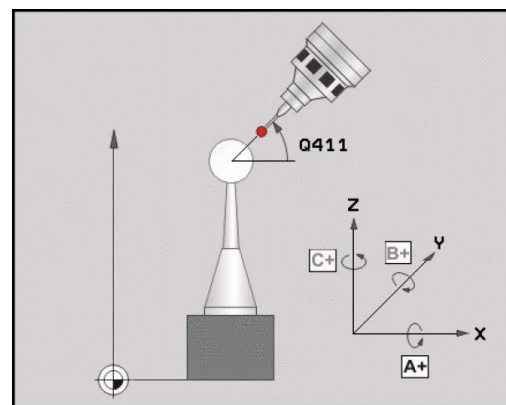
Touch Probe Cycle 452 optimizes the kinematic transformation chain of your machine (See "MEASURE KINEMATICS (Cycle 451, DIN/ISO: G451, option)", page 496). Then the TNC corrects the workpiece coordinate system in the kinematics model in such a way that the current preset is in the center of the calibration sphere after optimization.

This cycle enables you, for example, to adjust different interchangeable heads so that the workpiece preset applies for all heads.

- 1 Clamp the calibration sphere
- 2 Measure the complete reference head with Cycle 451, and use Cycle 451 to finally set the preset in the center of the sphere.
- 3 Insert the second head.
- 4 Use Cycle 452 to measure the interchangeable head up to the point where the head is changed.
- 5 Use Cycle 452 to adjust other interchangeable heads to the reference head.

If it is possible to leave the calibration sphere clamped to the machine table during machining, you can compensate for machine drift, for example. This procedure is also possible on a machine without rotary axes.

- 1 Clamp the calibration sphere and check for potential collisions.
- 2 Define the preset in the calibration sphere.
- 3 Set the preset on the workpiece, and start machining the workpiece.
- 4 Use Cycle 452 for preset compensation at regular intervals. The TNC measures the drift of the axes involved and compensates it in the kinematics description.



Parameter number	Meaning
Q141	Standard deviation measured in the A axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q142	Standard deviation measured in the B axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q143	Standard deviation measured in the C axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q144	Optimized standard deviation in the A axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q145	Optimized standard deviation in the B axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q146	Optimized standard deviation in the C axis (-1 if axis was not measured)
Q147	Offset error in X direction, for manual transfer to the corresponding machine parameter
Q148	Offset error in Y direction, for manual transfer to the corresponding machine parameter
Q149	Offset error in Z direction, for manual transfer to the corresponding machine parameter

**Please note while programming:**

Before starting the cycle make sure that **M128** or **FUNCTION TCPM** is deactivated.

Cycle 453, as with 451 and 452, is exited with an active 3-D ROT in automatic mode that matches the position of the rotary axes.

In order to be able to perform a preset compensation, the kinematics must be specially prepared. The machine manual provides further information.

Note that all functions for tilting in the working plane are reset.

Position the calibration sphere on the machine table so that there can be no collisions during the measuring process.

Before defining the cycle you must set the preset in the center of the calibration sphere and activate it.

For rotary axes without separate position encoders, select the measuring points in such a way that you have to traverse a distance of 1° to the limit switch. The TNC needs this distance for internal backlash compensation.

For the positioning feed rate when moving to the probing height in the touch probe axis, the TNC uses the value from cycle parameter **Q253** or the **FMAX** value, whichever is smaller. The TNC always moves the rotary axes at positioning feed rate **Q253**, while the probe monitoring is inactive.

If you interrupt the cycle during the measurement, the kinematic data might no longer be in the original condition. Save the active kinematic configuration before an optimization with Cycle 450, so that in case of a failure the most recently active kinematic configuration can be restored.



If the kinematic data are greater than the permissible limit (**maxModification**), the TNC shows a warning. Then you have to confirm acceptance of the attained value by pressing NC start.

Note that a change in the kinematics always changes the preset as well. After an optimization, reset the preset.

In every probing process the TNC first measures the radius of the calibration sphere. If the measured sphere radius differs from the entered sphere radius by more than you have defined in machine parameter **maxDevCalBall** (No. 204802) the TNC shows an error message and ends the measurement.

Programming in inches: The TNC always records the log data and results of measurement in millimeters.

## Cycle parameters



- ▶ **Q407 Radius of calib. sphere?** Enter the exact radius of the calibration sphere used. Input range 0.0001 to 99.9999
- ▶ **Q320 Set-up clearance?** (incremental): Define an additional distance between measuring point and ball tip. Q320 is added to **SET\_UP** in the touch probe table. Input range 0 to 99999.9999
- ▶ **Q408 Retraction height?** (absolute) Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999  
**0:** Do not move to any retraction height. The TNC moves to the next measuring position in the axis to be measured. Not allowed for Hirth axes! The TNC moves to the first measuring position in the sequence A, then B, then C  
**>0:** Retraction height in the untilted workpiece coordinate system to which the TNC positions before a rotary axis positioning in the spindle axis. Also, the TNC moves the touch probe in the working plane to the datum. The touch probe monitor is not active in this mode. Define the positioning speed in parameter Q253
- ▶ **Q253 Feed rate for pre-positioning?** Enter the traversing speed of the tool in mm/min during positioning. Input range 0.0001 to 99999.9999; alternatively **FMAX, FAUTO, PREDEF**
- ▶ **Q380 Ref. angle in ref. axis?** (absolute): Enter the reference angle (basic rotation) for measuring the measuring points in the active workpiece coordinate system. Defining a reference angle can considerably enlarge the measuring range of an axis. Input range 0 to 360.0000
- ▶ **Q411 Starting angle in A axis?** (absolute): Starting angle in the A axis at which the first measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q412 End angle in A axis?** (absolute): End angle in the A axis at which the last measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q413 Angle of incidence in A axis?:** Angle of incidence in the A axis at which the other rotary axes are to be measured. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q414 No. of meas. points in A (0...12)?:** Number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the A axis. If the input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the respective axis. Input range 0 to 12

## Calibration program

<b>4 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z</b>	
<b>5 TCH PROBE 450 SAVE KINEMATICS</b>	
Q410=0	;MODE
Q409=5	;MEMORY DESIGNATION
<b>6 TCH PROBE 452 PRESET COMPENSATION</b>	
Q407=12.5	;SPHERE RADIUS
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q408=0	;RETR. HEIGHT
Q253=750	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q380=0	;REFERENCE ANGLE
Q411=-90	;START ANGLE A AXIS
Q412=+90	;END ANGLE A AXIS
Q413=0	;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS
Q414=0	;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS
Q415=-90	;START ANGLE B AXIS
Q416=+90	;END ANGLE B AXIS
Q417=0	;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS
Q418=2	;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS
Q419=-90	;START ANGLE C AXIS
Q420=+90	;END ANGLE C AXIS
Q421=0	;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS
Q422=2	;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q432=0	;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE

- ▶ **Q415 Starting angle in B axis?** (absolute): Starting angle in the B axis at which the first measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q416 End angle in B axis?** (absolute): End angle in the B axis at which the last measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q417 Angle of incidence in B axis?:** Angle of incidence in the B axis at which the other rotary axes are to be measured. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q418 No. of meas. points in B (0...12)?:** Number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the B axis. If the input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the respective axis. Input range 0 to 12
- ▶ **Q419 Starting angle in C axis?** (absolute): Starting angle in the C axis at which the first measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q420 End angle in C axis?** (absolute): End angle in the C axis at which the last measurement is to be made. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q421 Angle of incidence in C axis?:** Angle of incidence in the C axis at which the other rotary axes are to be measured. Input range -359.999 to 359.999
- ▶ **Q422 No. of meas. points in C (0...12)?:** Number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the C axis. Input range 0 to 12 If the input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the respective axis
- ▶ **Q423 Number of probes?** Define the number of probe measurements with which the TNC is to measure the calibration sphere in the plane. Input range: 3 bis 8. Less measuring points increase speed and more measuring points increase measurement precision.
- ▶ **Q432 Angular range of backlash comp.?:** Here you define the angle value to be used as traverse for the measurement of the rotary axis backlash. The traversing angle must be significantly larger than the actual backlash of the rotary axes. If input value = 0, the TNC does not measure the backlash. Input range -3.0000 to +3.0000

## Adjustment of interchangeable heads

The goal of this procedure is for the workpiece preset to remain unchanged after changing rotary axes (head exchange).

In the following example, a fork head is adjusted to the A and C axes. The A axis is changed, whereas the C axis continues being a part of the basic configuration.

- ▶ Insert the interchangeable head that will be used as a reference head.
- ▶ Clamp the calibration sphere
- ▶ Insert the touch probe
- ▶ Use Cycle 451 to measure the complete kinematics, including the reference head.
- ▶ Set the preset (using Q431 = 2 or 3 in Cycle 451) after measuring the reference head

### Measuring a reference head

<b>1 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z</b>	
<b>2 TCH PROBE 451 MEASURE KINEMATICS</b>	
Q406=1	;MODE
Q407=12.5	;SPHERE RADIUS
Q320=0	;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q408=0	;RETR. HEIGHT
Q253=2000	;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q380=+45	;REFERENCE ANGLE
Q411=-90	;START ANGLE A AXIS
Q412=+90	;END ANGLE A AXIS
Q413=45	;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS
Q414=4	;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS
Q415=-90	;START ANGLE B AXIS
Q416=+90	;END ANGLE B AXIS
Q417=0	;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS
Q418=2	;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS
Q419=+90	;START ANGLE C AXIS
Q420=+270	;END ANGLE C AXIS
Q421=0	;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS
Q422=3	;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS
Q423=4	;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q431=3	;PRESET
Q432=0	;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE

- ▶ Insert the second interchangeable head
- ▶ Insert the touch probe
- ▶ Measure the interchangeable head with Cycle 452
- ▶ Measure only the axes that have actually been changed (in this example: only the A axis; the C axis is hidden with Q422)
- ▶ The preset and the position of the calibration sphere must not be changed during the complete process
- ▶ All other interchangeable heads can be adjusted in the same way



The head change function can vary depending on the individual machine tool. Refer to your machine manual.

### Adjusting an interchangeable head

<b>3 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z</b>	
<b>4 TCH PROBE 452 PRESET COMPENSATION</b>	
<b>Q407=12.5</b>	<b>;SPHERE RADIUS</b>
<b>Q320=0</b>	<b>;SET-UP CLEARANCE</b>
<b>Q408=0</b>	<b>;RETR. HEIGHT</b>
<b>Q253=2000</b>	<b>;F PRE-POSITIONING</b>
<b>Q380=+45</b>	<b>;REFERENCE ANGLE</b>
<b>Q411=-90</b>	<b>;START ANGLE A AXIS</b>
<b>Q412=+90</b>	<b>;END ANGLE A AXIS</b>
<b>Q413=45</b>	<b>;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS</b>
<b>Q414=4</b>	<b>;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS</b>
<b>Q415=-90</b>	<b>;START ANGLE B AXIS</b>
<b>Q416=+90</b>	<b>;END ANGLE B AXIS</b>
<b>Q417=0</b>	<b>;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS</b>
<b>Q418=2</b>	<b>;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS</b>
<b>Q419=+90</b>	<b>;START ANGLE C AXIS</b>
<b>Q420=+270</b>	<b>;END ANGLE C AXIS</b>
<b>Q421=0</b>	<b>;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS</b>
<b>Q422=0</b>	<b>;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS</b>
<b>Q423=4</b>	<b>;NO. OF PROBE POINTS</b>
<b>Q432=0</b>	<b>;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE</b>

## Drift compensation

During machining various machine components are subject to drift due to varying ambient conditions. If the drift remains sufficiently constant over the range of traverse, and if the calibration sphere can be left on the machine table during machining, the drift can be measured and compensated with Cycle 452.

- ▶ Clamp the calibration sphere
- ▶ Insert the touch probe
- ▶ Measure the complete kinematics with Cycle 451 before starting the machining process
- ▶ Set the preset (using Q432 = 2 or 3 in Cycle 451) after measuring the kinematics.
- ▶ Then set the presets on your workpieces and start the machining process

## Reference measurement for drift compensation

<b>1 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z</b>
<b>2 CYCL DEF 247 PRESETTING</b>
Q339=1 ;PRESET NUMBER
<b>3 TCH PROBE 451 MEASURE KINEMATICS</b>
Q406=1 ;MODE
Q407=12.5 ;SPHERE RADIUS
Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE
Q408=0 ;RETR. HEIGHT
Q253=750 ;F PRE-POSITIONING
Q380=+45 ;REFERENCE ANGLE
Q411=+90 ;START ANGLE A AXIS
Q412=+270 ;END ANGLE A AXIS
Q413=45 ;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS
Q414=4 ;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS
Q415=-90 ;START ANGLE B AXIS
Q416=+90 ;END ANGLE B AXIS
Q417=0 ;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS
Q418=2 ;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS
Q419=+90 ;START ANGLE C AXIS
Q420=+270 ;END ANGLE C AXIS
Q421=0 ;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS
Q422=3 ;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS
Q423=4 ;NO. OF PROBE POINTS
Q431=3 ;PRESET
Q432=0 ;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE

- ▶ Measure the drift of the axes at regular intervals.
- ▶ Insert the touch probe
- ▶ Activate the preset in the calibration sphere.
- ▶ Use Cycle 452 to measure the kinematics.
- ▶ The preset and the position of the calibration sphere must not be changed during the complete process



This procedure can also be performed on machines without rotary axes.

### Drift compensation

**4 TOOL CALL "TCH PROBE" Z**

**5 TCH PROBE 452 PRESET  
COMPENSATION**

**Q407=12.5 ;SPHERE RADIUS**

**Q320=0 ;SET-UP CLEARANCE**

**Q408=0 ;RETR. HEIGHT**

**Q253=99999;F PRE-POSITIONING**

**Q380=+45 ;REFERENCE ANGLE**

**Q411=-90 ;START ANGLE A AXIS**

**Q412=+90 ;END ANGLE A AXIS**

**Q413=45 ;INCID. ANGLE A AXIS**

**Q414=4 ;MEAS. POINTS A AXIS**

**Q415=-90 ;START ANGLE B AXIS**

**Q416=+90 ;END ANGLE B AXIS**

**Q417=0 ;INCID. ANGLE B AXIS**

**Q418=2 ;MEAS. POINTS B AXIS**

**Q419=+90 ;START ANGLE C AXIS**

**Q420=+270 ;END ANGLE C AXIS**

**Q421=0 ;INCID. ANGLE C AXIS**

**Q422=3 ;MEAS. POINTS C AXIS**

**Q423=3 ;NO. OF PROBE POINTS**

**Q432=0 ;BACKLASH, ANG. RANGE**

## Logging function

After running Cycle 452, the TNC creates a measuring log (**TCHPR452.TXT**) containing the following information:

- Creation date and time of the log
- Path of the NC program from which the cycle was run
- Active kinematic number
- Entered calibration sphere radius
- For each measured rotary axis:
  - Starting angle
  - End angle
  - Angle of incidence
  - Number of measuring points
  - Dispersion (standard deviation)
  - Maximum error
  - Angular error
  - Averaged backlash
  - Averaged positioning error
  - Measuring circle radius
  - Compensation values in all axes (preset shift)
  - Measurement uncertainty of rotary axes
  - Position before preset-compensation of the rotary axes checked (relative to the beginning of the kinematic transformation chain, usually the spindle nose)
  - Position after preset-compensation of the rotary axes checked (relative to the beginning of the kinematic transformation chain, usually the spindle nose)

### Notes on log data

(See "Logging function", page 509)



# 18

**Touch Probe  
Cycles: Automatic  
Tool Measurement**

## 18.1 Fundamentals

### Overview



#### Operating notes

- When running touch probe cycles, Cycle **8 MIRROR IMAGE**, Cycle **11 SCALING** and Cycle **26 AXIS-SPECIFIC SCALING** must not be active.
- HEIDENHAIN only assumes liability for functionality of the probing cycles if HEIDENHAIN touch probes are used.



The TNC and the machine tool must be set up by the machine tool builder for use of the TT touch probe.










Some cycles and functions may not be provided on your machine tool. Refer to your machine manual.


The touch probe cycles are available only with the Touch Probe Functions software option (option 17). If you are using a HEIDENHAIN touch probe, this option is available automatically.

In conjunction with the TNC's tool measurement cycles, the tool touch probe enables you to measure tools automatically. The compensation values for tool length and radius can be stored in the central tool file TOOL.T and are accounted for at the end of the touch probe cycle. The following types of tool measurement are provided:

- Tool measurement while the tool is at standstill
- Tool measurement while the tool is rotating
- Measurement of individual teeth

You can program the cycles for tool measurement in the **Programming** mode of operation using the **TOUCH PROBE** key. The following cycles are available:

New format	Old format	Cycle	Page
		Calibrating the TT, Cycles 30 and 480	528
		Calibrating the wireless TT 449, Cycle 484	530
		Measuring the tool length, Cycles 31 and 481	532
		Measuring the tool radius, Cycles 32 and 482	534
		Measuring the tool length and radius, Cycles 33 and 483	536



The measuring cycles can be used only when the central tool file TOOL.T is active.  
Before working with the measuring cycles, you must first enter all the required data into the central tool file and call the tool to be measured with **TOOL CALL**.

Differences between Cycles 31 to 33 and Cycles 481 to 483

The features and the operating sequences are absolutely identical. There are only two differences between Cycles 31 to 33 and Cycles 481 to 483:

- Cycles 481 to 483 are also available in controls for ISO programming under G481 to G483.
- Instead of a selectable parameter for the status of the measurement, the new cycles use the fixed parameter **Q199**.

## Setting machine parameters



Before you start working with the measuring cycles, check all machine parameters defined in **ProbeSettings** > **CfgTT** (No. 122700) and **CfgTTRoundStylus** (No. 114200).

Touch probe cycles 480, 481, 482, 483 and 484 can be hidden with the machine parameter **hideMeasureTT** (No. 128901).

The TNC uses the feed rate for probing defined in the machine parameter **probingFeed** (No.122709) when measuring a tool at standstill.

When measuring a rotating tool, the TNC automatically calculates the spindle speed and feed rate for probing.

The spindle speed is calculated as follows:

$n = \text{maxPeriphSpeedMeas} / (r \cdot 0.0063)$  where

- n:** Spindle speed [rpm]
- maxPeriphSpeedMeas:** Maximum permissible cutting speed in m/min
- r:** Active tool radius in mm

The feed rate for probing is calculated from:

$v = \text{measuring tolerance} \cdot n$  with

- v:** Feed rate for probing in mm/min
- Measuring tolerance** Measuring tolerance [mm], depending on **maxPeriphSpeedMeas**
- n:** Shaft speed [rpm]

**probingFeedCalc** (No. 122710) determines the calculation of the probing feed rate:

**probingFeedCalc** (No. 122710) = **ConstantTolerance**:

The measuring tolerance remains constant regardless of the tool radius. With very large tools, however, the feed rate for probing is reduced to zero. The smaller you set the maximum permissible rotational speed (**maxPeriphSpeedMeas** No. 122712) and the permissible tolerance (**measureTolerance1** No. 122715), the sooner you will encounter this effect.

**probingFeedCalc** (No. 122710) = **VariableTolerance**:

The measuring tolerance is adjusted relative to the size of the tool radius. This ensures a sufficient feed rate for probing even with large tool radii. The TNC adjusts the measuring tolerance according to the following table:

Tool radius	Measuring tolerance
Up to 30 mm	<b>measureTolerance1</b>
30 to 60 mm	$2 \cdot \text{measureTolerance1}$
60 to 90 mm	$3 \cdot \text{measureTolerance1}$
90 to 120 mm	$4 \cdot \text{measureTolerance1}$

**probingFeedCalc** (No. 122710) = **ConstantFeed**:

The feed rate for probing remains constant; the error of measurement, however, rises linearly with the increase in tool radius:

Measuring tolerance =  $r \cdot \text{measureTolerance1} / 5 \text{ mm}$ , where

**r:** Active tool radius in mm  
**measureTolerance1:** Maximum permissible error of measurement

## Entries in the tool table TOOL.T

Abbr.	Inputs	Dialog
CUT	Number of teeth (20 teeth maximum)	Number of teeth?
LTOL	Permissible deviation from tool length L for wear detection. If the entered value is exceeded, the TNC locks the tool (status <b>L</b> ). Input range: 0 to 0.9999 mm	Wear tolerance: length?
RTOL	Permissible deviation from tool radius R for wear detection. If the entered value is exceeded, the TNC locks the tool (status <b>I</b> ). Input range: 0 to 0.9999 mm	Wear tolerance: radius?
R2TOL	Permissible deviation from tool radius R2 for wear detection. If the entered value is exceeded, the TNC locks the tool (status <b>I</b> ). Input range: 0 to 0.9999 mm	Wear tolerance: Radius 2?
DIRECT.	Cutting direction of the tool for measuring the tool during rotation	Cutting direction (M3 = -)?
R_OFFS	Tool length measurement: Tool offset between stylus center and tool center. Default setting: No value entered (offset = tool radius)	Tool offset: radius?
L_OFFS	Tool radius measurement: tool offset in addition to <b>offset-ToolAxis</b> between upper surface of stylus and lower surface of tool. Default: 0	Tool offset: length?
LBREAK	Permissible deviation from tool length L for breakage detection. If the entered value is exceeded, the TNC locks the tool (status <b>L</b> ). Input range: 0 to 0.9999 mm	Breakage tolerance: length?
RBREAK	Permissible deviation from tool radius R for breakage detection. If the entered value is exceeded, the TNC locks the tool (status <b>I</b> ). Input range: 0 to 0.9999 mm	Breakage tolerance: radius?

## Input examples for common tool types

Tool type	CUT	TT:R_OFFS	TT:L_OFFS
<b>Drill</b>	– (no function)	0 (no offset required because tool tip is to be measured)	
<b>End mill</b> with diameter of < 19 mm	4 (4 teeth)	0 (no offset required because tool diameter is smaller than the contact plate diameter of the TT)	0 (no additional offset required during radius measurement. Offset from <b>offsetToolAxis</b> is used)
<b>End mill</b> with diameter of > 19 mm	4 (4 teeth)	R (offset required because tool diameter is larger than the contact plate diameter of the TT)	0 (no additional offset required during radius measurement. Offset from <b>offsetToolAxis</b> is used)
<b>Radius cutter</b> with a diameter of 10 mm, for example	4 (4 teeth)	0 (no offset required because the south pole of the ball is to be measured)	5 (always define the tool radius as the offset so that the diameter is not measured in the radius)

## 18.2 Calibrating the TT (Cycle 30 or 480, DIN/ISO: G480 option 17)

### Cycle run

The TT is calibrated with the measuring cycle TCH PROBE 30 or TCH PROBE 480. (See "Differences between Cycles 31 to 33 and Cycles 481 to 483", page 523). The calibration process runs automatically. The TNC also measures the center misalignment of the calibrating tool automatically by rotating the spindle by 180° after the first half of the calibration cycle.

The calibrating tool must be a precisely cylindrical part, for example a cylinder pin. The resulting calibration values are stored in the TNC memory and are accounted for during subsequent tool measurement.

Calibration process:

- 1 Clamp the calibrating tool. The calibrating tool must be a precisely cylindrical part, for example a cylinder pin
- 2 Manually position the calibrating tool in the working plane via the center of the TT
- 3 Position the calibrating tool in the tool axis approx. 15 mm + safety clearance above the TT
- 4 The TNC first moves along the tool axis. The tool is first moved to a clearance height of 15 mm + safety clearance
- 5 The calibration process along the tool axis starts
- 6 Calibration then follows in the working plane
- 7 The TNC initially positions the calibrating tool in the working plane at a value of 11 mm + radius of TT + safety clearance
- 8 Then the TNC moves the tool downwards along the tool axis and the calibration process starts
- 9 During the probing the TNC performs a square movement pattern
- 10 The TNC saves the calibration values and considers these during subsequent tool measurement
- 11 The TNC then retracts the stylus along the tool axis to safety clearance and moves it to the center of the TT

## Please note while programming:



The functioning of the calibration cycle is dependent on machine parameter **CfgTTRoundStylus** (No. 114200). Refer to your machine manual.

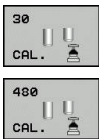
The functioning of the cycle is dependent on machine parameter **probingCapability** (No. 122723). (This parameter permits e.g. tool length measurement with a stationary spindle to be enabled and tool radius- and individual tooth measurement to be simultaneously disabled.) Refer to your machine manual.

Before calibrating the touch probe, you must enter the exact length and radius of the calibrating tool into the tool table TOOL.T.

The position of the TT within the machine working space must be defined by setting the machine parameters **centerPos** (No. 114201) > **[0]** to **[2]**.

If you change the setting of any of the machine parameters **centerPos** (No. 114201) > **[0]** to **[2]**, you must recalibrate.

## Cycle parameters



- **Q260 Clearance height?:** Enter the position in the spindle axis at which there is no danger of collision with the workpiece or fixtures. The clearance height is referenced to the active workpiece preset. If you enter such a small clearance height that the tool tip would lie below the level of the probe contact, the TNC automatically positions the tool above the level of the probe contact (safety zone from **safetyDistToolAx**). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999

### NC blocks in old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 1 Z
7 TCH PROBE 30.0 CALIBRATE TT
8 TCH PROBE 30.1 HEIGHT: +90
```

### NC blocks in new format

```
6 TOOL CALL 1 Z
7 TCH PROBE 480 CALIBRATE TT
Q260=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
```

## 18.3 Calibrating the wireless TT 449 (Cycle 484, DIN/ISO: G484, Option 17)

### Fundamentals

With Cycle 484, you can calibrate your tool touch probe, e.g. the wireless infrared TT 449 tool touch probe. The calibration process is either fully automatic or semi-automatic, depending on the parameter setting.

- **Semi-automatic**—stop before running: A dialog asks you to manually move the tool over the TT
- **Fully automatic**—no stop before running: Before using Cycle 484 you must move the tool over the TT

### Cycle run

To calibrate the tool touch probe, program the measuring cycle TCH PROBE 484. In the input parameter Q536, you can specify whether you want to run the cycle semi-automatically or fully automatically.

#### Semi-automatic—stop before running

- ▶ Insert the calibrating tool
- ▶ Define and start the calibration cycle
- ▶ The TNC interrupts the calibration cycle
- ▶ The TNC opens a dialog in a new window
- ▶ The dialog asks you to manually position the calibrating tool above the center of the touch probe. Ensure that the calibrating tool is located above the measuring surface of the probe contact

#### Fully automatic—no stop before running

- ▶ Insert the calibrating tool
- ▶ Position the calibrating tool above the center of the touch probe. Ensure that the calibrating tool is located above the measuring surface of the probe contact
- ▶ Define and start the calibration cycle
- ▶ The calibration cycle is executed without stopping. The calibration process starts from the current position of the tool.

#### Calibrating tool:

The calibrating tool must be a precisely cylindrical part, for example a cylinder pin. Enter the exact length and radius of the calibrating tool into the tool table TOOL.T. After the calibration, the TNC stores the calibration values and takes them into account during subsequent tool measurements. The calibrating tool should have a diameter of more than 15 mm and protrude approx. 50 mm from the chuck.

Please note while programming:

NOTICE

**Danger of collision!**

To avoid collisions the tool must be pre-positioned before calling the cycle with Q536=1! In the calibration process, the TNC also measures the center misalignment of the calibrating tool by rotating the spindle by 180° after the first half of the calibration cycle.

► Specify whether to stop before cycle start or run the cycle automatically without stopping.

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The functioning of the cycle is dependent on machine parameter **probingCapability** (No. 122723). (This parameter permits e.g. tool length measurement with a stationary spindle to be enabled and tool radius- and individual tooth measurement to be simultaneously disabled.) Refer to your machine manual.

The calibrating tool should have a diameter of more than 15 mm and protrude approx. 50 mm from the chuck. When using a cylinder pin of these dimensions, the resulting deformation will only be 0.1 µm per 1 N of probing force. The use of a calibrating tool of too small a diameter and/or protruding too far from the chuck may cause significant inaccuracies.

Before calibrating the touch probe, you must enter the exact length and radius of the calibrating tool into the tool table TOOL.T.

The TT needs to be recalibrated if you change its position on the table.

Cycle parameters



**Q536 Stop before running (0=Stop)?:** Specify whether to stop before cycle start or run the cycle automatically without stopping:

**0:** Stop before running. A dialog asks you to manually position the tool above the tool touch probe. After moving the tool to the approximate position above the tool touch probe, press NC start to continue the calibration process or press the **CANCEL** soft key to cancel the calibration process

**1:** No stop before running. The TNC starts the calibration process from the current position. Before running Cycle 484, you must position the tool above the tool touch probe.

NC blocks

6	TOOL CALL	1 Z
7	TCH PROBE	484 CALIBRATE TT
	Q536=+0	;STOP BEFORE RUNNING

## 18.4 Measuring tool length (Cycle 31 or 481, DIN/ISO: G481, Option 17)

### Cycle run

To measure the tool length, program the measuring cycle TCH PROBE 31 or TCH PROBE 481 (See "Differences between Cycles 31 to 33 and Cycles 481 to 483"). Via input parameters you can measure the length of a tool by three methods:

- If the tool diameter is larger than the diameter of the measuring surface of the TT, you measure the tool while it is rotating.
- If the tool diameter is smaller than the diameter of the measuring surface of the TT, or if you are measuring the length of a drill or spherical cutter, you measure the tool while it is at standstill.
- If the tool diameter is larger than the diameter of the measuring surface of the TT, you measure the individual teeth of the tool while it is at standstill.

### Cycle for measuring a tool during rotation

The control determines the longest tooth of a rotating tool by positioning the tool to be measured at an offset to the center of the touch probe and then moving it toward the measuring surface of the TT until it contacts the surface. The offset is programmed in the tool table under Tool offset: Radius (**TT: R\_OFFS**).

### Cycle for measuring a tool during standstill (e.g. for drills)

The control positions the tool to be measured over the center of the measuring surface. It then moves the non-rotating tool toward the measuring surface of the TT until contact is made. To activate this function, enter zero for the tool offset: Radius (**TT: R\_OFFS**) in the tool table.

### Cycle for measuring individual teeth

The TNC pre-positions the tool to be measured to a position at the side of the touch probe head. The distance from the tip of the tool to the upper edge of the touch probe head is defined in **offsetToolAxis**. You can enter an additional offset with tool offset: Length (**TT: L\_OFFS**) in the tool table. The TNC probes the tool radially during rotation to determine the starting angle for measuring the individual teeth. It then measures the length of each tooth by changing the corresponding angle of spindle orientation. To activate this function, program TCH PROBE 31 = 1 for CUTTER MEASUREMENT.

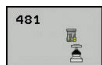
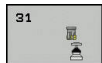
## Please note while programming:



Before measuring a tool for the first time, enter the following data on the tool into the tool table TOOL.T: the approximate radius, the approximate length, the number of teeth, and the cutting direction.

You can run an individual tooth measurement of tools with **up to 20 teeth**.

## Cycle parameters



- **Tool measurement mode (0-2)?:** Specify whether and how the determined data will be entered in the tool table

**0:** The measured tool length is written to column L of the tool table TOOL.T, and the tool compensation is set to DL=0. If there is already a value stored in TOOL.T, it will be overwritten.

**1:** The measured tool length is compared to the tool length L from TOOL.T. It then calculates the deviation from the stored value and enters it into TOOL.T as the delta value DL. The deviation can also be used for parameter Q115. If the delta value is greater than the permissible tool length tolerance for wear or break detection, the TNC will lock the tool (status L in TOOL.T)

**2:** The measured tool length is compared to the tool length L from TOOL.T. The TNC calculates the deviation from the stored value and enters it in Q parameter Q115. Nothing is entered under L or DL in the tool table.

- **Parameter number for result?:** Parameter number in which the TNC saves the status of the measurement result:
  - 0.0:** Tool is within tolerance
  - 1.0:** Tool is worn (**LTOL** exceeded)
  - 2.0:** Tool is broken (**LBREAK** exceeded). If you do not wish to use the result of measurement within the program, answer the dialog prompt with **NO ENT**
- **Clearance height?:** Enter the position in the spindle axis at which there is no danger of collision with the workpiece or fixtures. The clearance height is referenced to the active workpiece preset. If you enter such a small clearance height that the tool tip would lie below the level of the probe contact, the TNC automatically positions the tool above the level of the probe contact (safety zone from **safetyDistStylus**). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- **Probe the teeth? 0=no/1=yes:** Choose whether the control is to measure the individual teeth (maximum of 20 teeth)

## Measuring a rotating tool for the first time; old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 31.0 CAL. TOOL LENGTH
8 TCH PROBE 31.1 CHECK: 0
9 TCH PROBE 31.2 HEIGHT: +120
10 TCH PROBE 31.3 PROBING THE
    TEETH: 0
```

## Inspecting a tool and measuring the individual teeth and saving the status in Q5; old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 31.0 CAL. TOOL LENGTH
8 TCH PROBE 31.1 CHECK: 1 q5
9 TCH PROBE 31.2 HEIGHT: +120
10 TCH PROBE 31.3 PROBING THE
    TEETH: 1
```

## NC blocks in new format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 481 CAL. TOOL LENGTH
  Q340=1 ;CHECK
  Q260=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
  Q341=1 ;PROBING THE TEETH
```

## 18.5 Measuring tool radius (Cycle 32 or 482, DIN/ISO: G482, Option 17)

### Cycle run

To measure the tool radius, program the measuring cycle TCH PROBE 32 or TCH PROBE 482 (See "Differences between Cycles 31 to 33 and Cycles 481 to 483", page 523). Select via input parameters by which of two methods the radius of a tool is to be measured:

- Measuring the tool while it is rotating
- Measuring the tool while it is rotating and subsequently measuring the individual teeth.

The TNC pre-positions the tool to be measured to a position at the side of the touch probe head. The distance from the tip of the milling tool to the upper edge of the touch probe head is defined in **offsetToolAxis**. The TNC probes the tool radially while it is rotating. If you have programmed a subsequent measurement of individual teeth, the control measures the radius of each tooth with the aid of oriented spindle stops.

### Please note while programming:



Before measuring a tool for the first time, enter the following data on the tool into the tool table TOOL.T: the approximate radius, the approximate length, the number of teeth, and the cutting direction.

The functioning of the cycle is dependent on machine parameter **probingCapability** (No. 122723). (This parameter permits e.g. tool length measurement with a stationary spindle to be enabled and tool radius- and individual tooth measurement to be simultaneously disabled.) Refer to your machine manual.

Cylindrical tools with diamond surfaces can be measured with stationary spindle. To do so, define in the tool table the number of teeth **CUT** as 0 and adjust machine parameter **CfgTT** (No. 122700) Refer to your machine manual.

## Cycle parameters



- **Tool measurement mode (0-2)?:** Specify whether and how the determined data will be entered in the tool table
  - 0:** The measured tool radius is written to column R of the tool table TOOL.T, and the tool compensation is set to DR=0. If there is already a value stored in TOOL.T, it will be overwritten.
  - 1:** The measured tool radius is compared to the tool radius R from TOOL.T. It then calculates the deviation from the stored value and enters it into TOOL.T as the delta value DR. The deviation can also be used for Q parameter Q116. If the delta value is greater than the permissible tool radius tolerance for wear or break detection, the TNC will lock the tool (status L in TOOL.T)
  - 2:** The measured tool radius is compared to the tool radius R from TOOL.T. The TNC calculates the deviation from the stored value and enters it in Q parameter Q116. Nothing is entered under R or DR in the tool table.
- **Parameter number for result?:** Parameter number in which the TNC saves the status of the measurement result:
  - 0.0:** Tool is within tolerance
  - 1.0:** Tool is worn (**RTOL** exceeded)
  - 2.0:** Tool is broken (**RBREAK** exceeded). If you do not wish to use the result of measurement within the program, answer the dialog prompt with **NO ENT**
- **Clearance height?:** Enter the position in the spindle axis at which there is no danger of collision with the workpiece or fixtures. The clearance height is referenced to the active workpiece preset. If you enter such a small clearance height that the tool tip would lie below the level of the probe contact, the TNC automatically positions the tool above the level of the probe contact (safety zone from **safetyDistStylus**). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- **Probe the teeth? 0=no/1=yes:** Choose whether the control is to measure the individual teeth (maximum of 20 teeth)

### Measuring a rotating tool for the first time; old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 32.0 CAL. TOOL RADIUS
8 TCH PROBE 32.1 CHECK: 0
9 TCH PROBE 32.2 HEIGHT: +120
10 TCH PROBE 32.3 PROBING THE TEETH: 0
```

### Inspecting a tool and measuring the individual teeth and saving the status in Q5; old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 32.0 CAL. TOOL RADIUS
8 TCH PROBE 32.1 CHECK: 1 q5
9 TCH PROBE 32.2 HEIGHT: +120
10 TCH PROBE 32.3 PROBING THE TEETH: 1
```

### NC blocks in new format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 482 CAL. TOOL RADIUS
  Q340=1 ;CHECK
  Q260=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
  Q341=1 ;PROBING THE TEETH
```

## 18.6 Measuring tool length and radius (Cycle 33 or 483, DIN/ISO: G483, Option 17)

### Cycle run

To measure both the length and radius of a tool, program the measuring cycle TCH PROBE 33 or TCH PROBE 483 (See "Differences between Cycles 31 to 33 and Cycles 481 to 483", page 523). This cycle is particularly suitable for the first measurement of tools, as it saves time when compared with individual measurement of length and radius. Via input parameters you can select the desired type of measurement:

- Measuring the tool while it is rotating
- Measuring the tool while it is rotating and subsequently measuring the individual teeth.

The TNC measures the tool in a fixed programmed sequence. First it measures the tool radius, then the tool length. The sequence of measurement is the same as for Cycles 31 and 32 as well as .

### Please note while programming:



Before measuring a tool for the first time, enter the following data on the tool into the tool table TOOL.T: the approximate radius, the approximate length, the number of teeth, and the cutting direction.

The functioning of the cycle is dependent on machine parameter **probingCapability** (No. 122723). (This parameter permits e.g. tool length measurement with a stationary spindle to be enabled and tool radius- and individual tooth measurement to be simultaneously disabled.) Refer to your machine manual.

Cylindrical tools with diamond surfaces can be measured with stationary spindle. To do so, define in the tool table the number of teeth **CUT** as 0 and adjust machine parameter **CfgTT** (No. 122700) Refer to your machine manual.

## Cycle parameters



- **Tool measurement mode (0-2)?:** Specify whether and how the determined data will be entered in the tool table

**0:** The measured tool length and measured tool radius are written to columns L and R of the tool table TOOL.T, and the tool compensation is set to DL=0 and DR=0. If there is already a value stored in TOOL.T, it will be overwritten.

**1:** The measured tool length and measured tool radius are compared to the tool length L and tool radius R from TOOL.T. The TNC calculates the deviation from the stored value and enters them into TOOL.T as the delta values DL and DR. The deviation is also available in Q parameters Q115 and Q116. If the delta value is greater than the permissible tool length or radius tolerance for wear or break detection, the TNC will lock the tool (status L in TOOL.T)

**2:** The measured tool length and the measured tool radius are compared to the tool length L and tool radius R from TOOL.T. The TNC calculates the deviation from the stored value and enters them in Q parameters Q115 and Q116. Nothing is entered under L, R, DL, or DR in the tool table.

- **Parameter number for result?:** Parameter number in which the TNC saves the status of the measurement result:
  - 0.0:** Tool is within tolerance
  - 1.0:** Tool is worn (**LTOL** and/or **RTOL** exceeded)
  - 2.0:** Tool is broken (**LBREAK** and/or **RBREAK** exceeded) If you do not wish to use the result of measurement within the program, answer the dialog prompt with **NO ENT**
- **Clearance height?:** Enter the position in the spindle axis at which there is no danger of collision with the workpiece or fixtures. The clearance height is referenced to the active workpiece preset. If you enter such a small clearance height that the tool tip would lie below the level of the probe contact, the TNC automatically positions the tool above the level of the probe contact (safety zone from **safetyDistStylus**). Input range -99999.9999 to 99999.9999
- **Probe the teeth? 0=no/1=yes:** Choose whether the control is to measure the individual teeth (maximum of 20 teeth)

### Measuring a rotating tool for the first time; old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 33.0 MEASURE TOOL
8 TCH PROBE 33.1 CHECK: 0
9 TCH PROBE 33.2 HEIGHT: +120
10 TCH PROBE 33.3 PROBING THE TEETH: 0
```

### Inspecting a tool and measuring the individual teeth and saving the status in Q5; old format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 33.0 MEASURE TOOL
8 TCH PROBE 33.1 CHECK: 1 q5
9 TCH PROBE 33.2 HEIGHT: +120
10 TCH PROBE 33.3 PROBING THE TEETH: 1
```

### NC blocks in new format

```
6 TOOL CALL 12 Z
7 TCH PROBE 483 MEASURE TOOL
  Q340=1 ;CHECK
  Q260=+100 ;CLEARANCE HEIGHT
  Q341=1 ;PROBING THE TEETH
```



# 19

**Tables of Cycles**

## 19.1 Overview

### Fixed cycles

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8	Mirroring	■		292
9	Dwell time	■		311
10	Rotation	■		294
11	Scaling factor	■		296
12	Program call	■		312
13	Oriented spindle stop	■		313
14	Contour definition	■		211
19	Tilting the working plane	■		299
20	Contour data SL II	■		216
21	Pilot drilling SL II		■	218
22	Rough out SL II		■	220
23	Floor finishing SL II		■	224
24	Side finishing SL II		■	226
25	Contour train		■	229
26	Axis-specific scaling	■		297
27	Cylinder surface		■	253
28	Cylindrical surface slot		■	256
29	Cylinder surface ridge		■	260
32	Tolerance	■		314
39	Cylinder surface contour		■	263
200	Drilling		■	73
201	Reaming		■	75
202	Boring		■	77
203	Universal drilling		■	80
204	Back boring		■	86
205	Universal pecking		■	90
206	Tapping with a floating tap holder, new		■	115
207	Rigid tapping, new		■	118
208	Bore milling		■	98
209	Tapping with chip breaking		■	122
220	Polar pattern	■		199
221	Cartesian pattern	■		202
225	Engraving		■	317

Cycle number	Cycle designation	DEF active	CALL active	Page
232	Face milling		■	323
233	Face milling (selectable milling direction, consider the side walls)		■	186
239	Ascertain the load	■		328
240	Centering		■	71
241	Single-lip deep-hole drilling		■	101
247	Presetting	■		291
251	Rectangular pocket (complete machining)		■	151
252	Circular pocket (complete machining)		■	156
253	Slot milling		■	162
254	Circular slot		■	166
256	Rectangular stud (complete machining)		■	172
257	Circular stud (complete machining)		■	177
258	Polygon stud		■	181
262	Thread milling		■	128
263	Thread milling/countersinking		■	131
264	Thread drilling/milling		■	135
265	Helical thread drilling/milling		■	139
267	Outside thread milling		■	143
270	Contour train data		■	238
275	Trochoidal slot		■	240
276	3-D contour train		■	233

## Touch probe cycles

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1	Polar preset	■		433
3	Measuring	■		471
4	Measuring in 3-D	■		473
444	Probing in 3D	■		"3D PROBING (Cycle 444), (software option 17)"
30	Calibrate the TT	■		528
31	Measure/Inspect the tool length	■		532
32	Measure/Inspect the tool radius	■		534
33	Measure/Inspect the tool length and the tool radius	■		536
400	Basic rotation using two points	■		347
401	Basic rotation over two holes	■		350
402	Basic rotation over two studs	■		354
403	Compensate misalignment with rotary axis	■		358
404	Set basic rotation	■		362
405	Compensate misalignment with the C axis	■		363
408	Preset at slot center (FCL 3 function)	■		372
409	Preset at ridge center (FCL 3 function)	■		376
410	Preset from inside of rectangle	■		380
411	Preset from outside of rectangle	■		384
412	Preset from inside of circle (hole)	■		388
413	Preset from outside of circle (stud)	■		393
414	Preset from outside of corner	■		398
415	Preset from inside of corner	■		403
416	Preset from circle center	■		408
417	Preset in touch probe axis	■		412
418	Preset at center between four holes	■		414
419	Preset in any one axis	■		418
420	Workpiece—measure angle	■		434
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423	Workpiece—measure rectangle from inside	■		445
424	Workpiece—measure rectangle from outside	■		448
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Cycle number	Cycle designation	DEF active	CALL active	Page
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430	Workpiece—measure bolt hole circle	■		460
431	Workpiece—measure plane	■		460
441	Fast probing	■		487
450	KinematicsOpt: Save kinematics (option)	■		493
451	KinematicsOpt: Measure kinematics (option)	■		496
452	KinematicsOpt: Preset compensation	■		490
453	Kinematics grid		■	"KINEMATICS GRID (Cycle 453, DIN/ISO: G453, option)"
460	Calibrate the touch probe	■		477
461	Calibrate touch probe length	■		481
462	Calibrate touch probe inside radius	■		483
463	Calibrate touch probe outside radius	■		485
480	Calibrate the TT	■		528
481	Measure/Inspect the tool length	■		532
482	Measure/Inspect the tool radius	■		534
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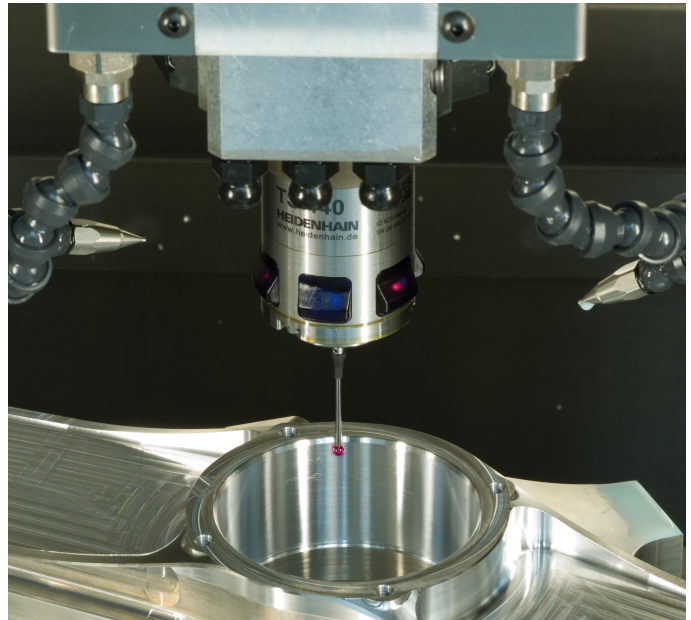
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