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Fundamentals

1.1 Overview

This chapter contains information about the product and this manual.

1.2 Information on the product

Product designation	Part number (ID)
VTC	1249466-01

The ID label is provided on the side panel that houses the connections:



1 Product designation

2 Part number

3 Serial number

1.2.1 Software for the product

In order to use the product, you need to install the VTC software on an IPC industrial computer with Microsoft Windows operating system. For information about how to install and use the software, please refer to the VTC User's Manual (ID 1322445).



The product and its software can be used in conjunction with HEIDENHAIN TNC 640 controls with NC software 34059x-10 or later.

1.3 Documentation on the product

1.3.1 Validity of the documentation

Before using the documentation and the software, you need to verify that the documentation matches the software.

This User's Manual is valid for version 1280600.1.1.x of the VTC software for the VT 121 vision system.



If the version numbers do not match so that the documentation is not valid, you will find the current documentation for the product at **www.heidenhain.com**.

1.3.2 Notes on reading this document

Fatal accidents, personal injury or property damage caused by non-compliance with the documentation!

Failure to comply with the documentation may result in fatal accidents, personal injury or property damage.

- Read the documentation carefully from beginning to end
- Keep the documentation for future reference

The table below lists the components of the documentation in the order of priority for reading.

Document type	Description	
Addendum	An addendum supplements or supersedes the corresponding contents of the Operating Instruc-tions and the User's Manual.	
Operating Instructions	The Operating Instructions contain all the infor- mation and safety precautions needed for the proper mounting and installation of the product. The Operating Instructions are included in delivery. This document has the second highest priority for reading.	
User's Manual	The User's Manual contains all the information and safety precautions needed for the proper operation of the software according to its intended use. The User's Manual is included on the supplied storage medium and can be downloaded from the download area at www.heidenhain.com . The User's Manual has the third highest priority for reading.	

Have you found any errors or would you like to suggest changes?

We continuously strive to improve our documentation for you. Please help us by sending your suggestions to the following e-mail address: **userdoc@heidenhain.de**

1.3.3 Storage and distribution of the documentation

The instructions must be kept in the immediate vicinity of the workplace and must be available to all personnel at all times. The operating company must inform the personnel where these instructions are kept. If the instructions have become illegible, the operating company must obtain a new copy from the manufacturer. If the product is given or resold to any other party, the following documents must be passed on to the new owner:

- Addendum (if supplied)
- Operating Instructions
- User's Manual

1.4 About these instructions

These instructions provide all the information and safety precautions needed for the proper operation of the VTC software.

1.4.1 Document type

User's Manual

These instructions are the **User's Manual** for the software.

The User's Manual

- Are oriented to the product life cycle
- Contain all information and safety precautions needed for the proper operation of the product according to its intended use

1.4.2 Target groups for the instructions

These instructions must be read and observed by every person who performs any of the following tasks:

- Software configuration
- Operation
- Service and maintenance

1.4.3 Notes in this documentation

Safety precautions

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

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 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 property damage**.

Informational notes

Informational notes ensure reliable and efficient operation of the product. Informational notes are divided into the following groups:



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

The gear symbol indicates that the function described **depends on the machine**, e.g.

- Your machine must feature a certain software or hardware option
- The behavior of the functions depends on the configurable machine settings

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

1.4.4 Symbols and fonts used for marking text

Format	Meaning
►	Identifies an action and
>	the result of this action
	Example:
	Tap OK
	> The message is closed
=	Identifies an item of a list
=	Example:
	TTL interface
	EnDat interface
	•
Bold	Identifies menus, displays and buttons
	Example:
	Tap Shut down
	 The operating system shuts down

► Turn the power switch off



Safety

2.1 Overview

This chapter provides important safety information needed for the proper mounting and installation of the product.

2.2 General safety precautions

General accepted safety precautions, in particular the applicable precautions relating to the handling of live electrical equipment, must be followed when operating the system. Failure to observe these safety precautions may result in personal injury or damage to the product.

It is understood that safety rules within individual companies vary. If a conflict exists between the material contained in these instructions and the rules of a company using this system, the more stringent rules take precedence.

2.3 Intended use

The VTC software is intended solely for the following use:

Inspection and visual checking of tools in milling centers

2.4 Improper use

Any use not specified in 'Intended use' is considered improper use. The machine manufacturer and the company operating the machine are solely liable for any damage resulting from improper use.

Especially its use as part of working-space monitoring or part of a safety function, as well as for tool measurement is not permitted.

2.5 Personnel qualification

The personnel for operating the product must be appropriately qualified for this work and must have obtained sufficient information from the documentation supplied with the product and with the connected peripherals.

The personnel required for the individual activities to be performed on the product are indicated in the respective sections of these instructions.

The personnel groups are specified in detail as follows with regard to their qualifications and tasks.

Operator

The operator uses and operates the product within the framework specified for the intended use. He is informed by the operating company about the special tasks and the potential hazards resulting from incorrect behavior.

Qualified personnel

The qualified personnel are trained by the operating company to perform advanced operation and parameterization. The qualified personnel have the required technical training, knowledge and experience and know the applicable regulations, and are thus capable of performing the assigned work regarding the application concerned and of proactively identifying and avoiding potential risks.

2.6 Obligations of the operating company

The operating company owns or leases the device and the peripherals. At all times, the operating company is responsible for ensuring that the intended use is complied with.

The operating company must:

- Assign the different tasks to be performed on the device to suitable, qualified and authorized personnel
- Verifiably train the personnel in the authorizations and tasks
- Provide all materials and means necessary in order for the personnel to complete the assigned tasks
- Ensure that the device is operated only when in perfect technical condition
- Ensure that the device is protected from unauthorized use

2.7 General safety precautions



The safety of any system incorporating the use of this product is the responsibility of the assembler or installer of the system.

The specific safety precautions required for the individual activities to be performed on the product are indicated in the respective sections of these instructions.



Software installation

3.1 Overview

This chapter provides all of the information needed for downloading and properly installing VTC on a computer.

3.2 Installing the software

Downloading the installer

To install VTC, you need to download the installer from the HEIDENHAIN Portal.

- Download the current version from:
- HEIDENHAIN Portal
- Navigate to the Download folder of your web browser
- Unzip the downloaded files into a temporary folder
- > The installer files will be unpacked into the temporary folder.

Verifying the requirements

In order to run VTC, you need a PC that meets the following minimum requirements:

- Quad-core processor
- Main memory: 8 GB RAM
- Hard disk space of 0.5 GB for approx. 1000 images
- Microsoft Windows 10

Installing VTC and the driver software



In order to perform the installation, you need to log in to Microsoft Windows as an administrator.

To install VTC and the driver software:

- Double-click each installer file to start it
- > The Setup Wizard opens.
- Accept the license conditions
- Follow the setup wizard instructions
- > VTC and the driver software are installed; if selected, a desktop icon is created.
- Click the Finish button to complete the installation process
- > VTC and the driver software have been installed successfully.

3.3 Requesting the license key and activating the application

Before starting VTC, you need to request a license key and enable VTC.

6	You have the possibility of testing VTC based on a free-of-charge trial license. This trial license must also be enabled with a license key.			
νтс				
Q	1		Activate application	
	2		Request license key	You can request the license key by e-mail or by phone from a HEIDENHAIN service agency. Have this serial number ready. P029221697.
				Creating a request
Ś				Request trial license
	າິໄΓ		Activate license key	Read license file
				Activelie application

Figure 1: Activate application dialog box

Requesting the license key

- Tap Creating a request or Request test license
- In the dialog box, select the storage location in which you want to save the license key request
- Enter a suitable file name
- ► Confirm your input with **RET**
- Tap Save as
- > The license key request is created and saved in the selected folder.
- Contact a HEIDENHAIN service agency and submit the file you created in order to request a license key
- > The license key and the license file are generated and submitted by e-mail

Uploading the license key from the license file

- Tap Read license file
- Select the license file in the file system, on the USB mass storage device, or on the network drive
- Confirm your selection with **Select**
- Tap OK
- > The license key is activated
- ► Tap **OK**
- > VTC starts.

Entering the license key manually

- Enter the license key into the License key input field
- Confirm your input with **RET**
- Tap Activate application
- > The license key is activated.
- ► Tap **OK**
- > VTC starts.

Commissioning

4.1 Overview

This chapter contains all the information necessary for putting the product into operation. This requires the connection between the VT 121 vision system and the VTC software to be configured.

4.2 Configuring the vision system driver software

In order for VTC to detect the vision system, the connected VT 121 vision system must be configured by means of the IDS Camera Manager driver software.

To configure the connected vision system:

- Start the IDS Camera Manager driver software via the Microsoft Windows Start Menu.
- > An entry for the vision system is shown in the Camera list table.
- Tap the Automatic ETH configuration button
- > The configuration is automatically run and confirmed by means of a dialog box
- > The Camera list table shows the entry Yes in the columns Free and Avail.

If automatic configuration fails:

- Tap Expert mode
- > The IDS Camera Manager dialog is expanded
- ► Tap the Manual ETH configuration button
- Enter the static IP address of the vision system in the Parameters area



Have an IT specialist enter the IP address.

► Tap the **Close** button

4.3 Selecting the vision system

In order for VTC to control the vision system, you must select it in the settings.



- Tap Settings in the main menu
- Tap Sensors
 - ► Tap Camera
- Select the desired vision system
- Click Activate
- > The selected vision system is available in VTC.



VTC cycles

5.1 Fundamentals



Refer to your machine manual.

This feature must be enabled and adapted by the machine tool builder. Option 46 must have been enabled.



HEIDENHAIN only guarantees the proper operation of the VTC cycles if the vision system is calibrated with a HEIDENHAIN touch probe.

In order to use the camera-based tool inspection, you need the following components:

- VTC software
- Python (option 46)
- Hardware:
 - HEIDENHAIN VT 121 vision system and accessories
 - External computer unit with Microsoft Windows operating system
 - Touch probe

Application

The camera-based tool inspection allows you to inspect your tool visually on an external computer unit on the basis of images, thus checking it for wear. It also helps you to detect tool breakage before and during the machining process. The cycles become available on the control immediately after setup of the VTC software. You run the VTC software on an external computer unit with Microsoft Windows operating system.

Visual tool inspection can be performed on cylindrical, ball-nose, or toroid cutters. Camera 2 also allows you to visually inspect drills. The minimum tool diameter is 0.2 mm, or 0.1 mm for breakage control, or 1.9 mm for the MEASURING CUTTING EDGE ANGLES cycle. The maximum tool radius is 15 mm for permanently sharp images of ball-nose and toroid cutters.

The control uses the following tool management entries to identify the different tool types.

Tool shape	R	R2	T-ANGLE
Cylindrical cutter	> 0	0	0
Ball-nose cutter	> 0	= R	0
Toroid cutter	> ()	> 0 and < R	0
Drill	> 0	0	> ()

Terms

The following terms are used in connection with VTC:

Term	Explanation	
Camera 1	Usually shows the tool from the side.	
Camera 2	Usually shows the tool from below.	
Single shot	A single shot is an image of an individual cutting edge.	
Panoramic image	A panoramic image is a 360° view of the tool, possibly with inspection mode.	
Mosaic image	A mosaic image is a complete image of the tool from below.	
Profile image	A profile image is an image of individual cutting edges of ball-nose or toroid cutters with indexable inserts.	
Tool evaluation	The images that were taken are stored in the tool evaluation.	
Clearance height	The clearance height is specified in the cycle. The clearance height is 20.5 mm and is based on the reference surface of camera 2.	
Safety clearance	The safety clearance is specified in the cycle. The safety clearance is 20.5 mm and is based on the reference surface of camera 1.	

Things to keep in mind regarding VTC cycles

All VTC cycles are DEF-active. The control runs the cycle automatically as soon as it reads the cycle definition in the program run.



Your machine tool builder defines the feed rates, positioning and spindle speed.

NOTICE

Danger of collision!

Danger of collision if the tool is positioned automatically in front of the camera. The camera, the machine and the tool may be damaged.

- Refer to the machine manual to learn about the coordinates the tool is positioned to by the control
- ▶ If required, move to maximum height with M140 MB MAX prior to positioning

NOTICE

Danger of collision!

When camera 1 is used, the cycle moves the tool to the outer tool radius. If the radius of the tool shaft is larger than the tool radius, there is danger of collision.

 Test the NC program or program section in Program run, single block operating mode

NOTICE

Danger of collision!

If you switched on the spindle before calling the cycle, the control will **not** reconstruct this previous state at the end of the cycle if there is a cycle **interruption**. There is a danger of collision!

- Check the spindle speed after execution of the cycle. If necessary, call the tool again with the required speed.
- Program a spindle start after an interruption of the NC program

NOTICE

Danger of collision!

If the tool has not been measured based on its bottom edge, then there is a danger of collision!

Measure the tool based on its bottom edge.

NOTICE

Danger of collision!

If the actual tool diameter is greater than the measured tool diameter, then there is a danger of collision with camera 1!

Measure the tool based on its outermost radius where appropriate

- HEIDENHAIN recommends executing the cycle in FUNCTION MODE MILL machining mode.
- To attain useful results, the light must be adjusted optimally. Cycle 621 MANUAL INSPECTION allows you to adjust the light.
- The images must be taken in the same position of the rotary axes and with the same kinematic configuration that was used for the calibration of the vision system. Your machine manufacturer can save this position setting in the cycles, if required.

5.1.1 VTC tool table

Use the **VTC-TOOLS.TAB** to save the data that you need to take single shots. The table can be found in the **TNC:\table**\ folder.

Abbr.	Inputs	Dialog
т	Tool number	-
	Tool number from the TOOL.T	
START-ANGLE	Spindle angle of the cutting edge You can use Cycle 624 to determine or manually enter the spindle angles of the cutting edges. The mi- nimum tool diameter is 1.9 mm for automatic cutting edge measurement.	Spindle angle of the first cutting edge
TOOL-ID	Tool ID number The tool ID number enables the operator to identify the tool in the tool evaluation. The ID number consists of the current date and a timestamp accurate to the second, e.g. 20191014112159 .	TOOL-ID
ANGLE-2 to ANGLE-32	Spindle angle of cutting edges 2 to 32 You can use Cycle 624 to determine or manually enter the spindle angles of the cutting edges.	Spindle angle of the second cutting edge
REF-ANGLE	Contact angle in degrees Using the contact angle, you define the point on the tool radius R or R2 to which the camera will focus on the tool. This value is effective for ball-nose and toroid cutters only.	Contact angle
 If the mill in th	ing notes: ne cutting edges are spaced evenly along the circumferen ing tool, one angle and the number of cutting edges are s ne tool table. It can ascertain the spindle angle of the cutting edge with the 624 or by means of a tool presetter. It tool is saved until you delete it manually or overwrite it w in identical tool number T .	ufficient

5.1.2 Overview

The control provides cycles that enable you to program camerabased tool monitoring:

Proceed as follows:

- Select the **TOUCH PROBE** soft key
- > The control displays various cycle groups.
- Select VT 121 VISION SYSTEM

The control provides the following cycles:

Cycle number	Cycle	Page
620	VT 121 CALIBRATION	31
	 Calibration of the vision system 	
621	MANUAL INSPECTION	32
	Tool check with live image	
	 Adjustment of lighting 	
	Selection of camera 1 or camera 2	
622	IMAGES	34
	 Automatic taking and storage of images 	
	 Selection of image capture mode 	
	Selection of camera 1 and/or camera 2	
623	BREAKAGE CHECK	37
	 Simple breakage detection 	
	Selection of camera 1	
624	MEASUREMENT OF CUTTING EDGE ANGLE	39
	 Automatic measurement of the spindle angle of all cutting edges 	
	Selection of camera 2	

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5.2 Cycle 620 VT 121 CALIBRATION

Application

Cycle **620 VT 121 CALIBRATION** allows you to calibrate the vision system by using a touch probe.

The cycle uses the circular top surface of the camera as starting position. You have to pre-position your touch probe manually above the starting position before or during the cycle.

The coordinates of the vision system determined during calibration are coordinates in the machine coordinate system.

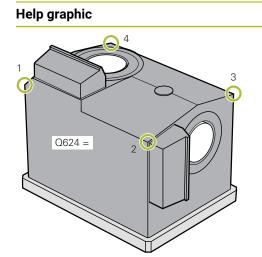
Cycle run:

- 1 This cycle interrupts the NC program.
- 2 The control displays a dialog window indicating that the touch probe must be placed at the right position.
- 3 Manual intervention:
- Position the touch probe above the circular surface.
- > Press **NC start** as soon as the touch probe has reached the right position.
- 4 Then the control probes the circular surface in the tool axis.
- 5 The touch probe moves to the adjacent sides of the corner point **Q624** and probes the two sides.
- 6 At the end, the touch probe returns to the clearance height.

Notes

- VTC cannot be run actively in combination with **Tilt working plane**.
- Further information: "Things to keep in mind regarding VTC cycles", Page 28

5.2.1 Cycle parameters



Parameter

Q623 Viewing angle of side camera X+

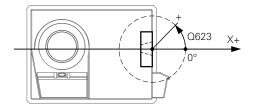
Approximate angle $(+/-10^{\circ})$ of the viewing direction of camera 1 from the principal axis X+. The control determines the exact angle during calibration.

Input: 0...360

Q624 Number of corner for preset

The number of the corner defines the adjacent sides to be probed.

Input: **1**, **2**, **3**, **4**



Example

11 TCH PROBE 620 VT 121 CALIBRATION ~		
Q623=+0	;VIEWING ANGLE ~	
Q624=+1	;NUMBER OF CORNER	

5.3 Cycle 621 MANUAL INSPECTION

Application

Cycle **621 MANUAL INSPECTION** allows you to check tools visually and adjust the lighting.

Cycle run:

- 1 The control moves the tool to the clearance height and then positions it in front of the selected camera.
 - Q620 = 1: The control positions the tool next to camera 1, shifted by the tool radius and the safety clearance. Positioning depends on Q629 Contact angle.
 - **Q620 = 2**: The control positions the tool to the clearance height above the camera 2.
- 2 Then the cycle deactivates any spindle revolution that may be active.
- 3 You can resume the cycle with **NC start**.
- 4 At the end of the cycle, the control positions the tool to the clearance height.
- 5 If the spindle revolution was active before the cycle call, the control restores this condition at the end of the cycle.

Further information: "Things to keep in mind regarding VTC cycles", Page 28

Cleaning function

- Before the start of the cycle, the compressed-air jets on the two cameras are activated for two seconds.
- Before the MANUAL INSPECTION cycle, compressed air is applied to the tool for one second.

5.3.1 Cycle parameters

Help graphic	Parameter
	Q620 Selection of the camera(s)
	Select the camera 1 or camera 2:
¥//	1: Camera 1 – live image of the tool from the side
	2: Camera 2 – live image of the tool from below
Q620 = 2 Q620 = 1	Input: 1 , 2
	Q629 Contact angle at R/R2
	Using the contact angle, you define the point on the tool radius or R2 to which the camera will focus on the tool.
	>= 1: The control uses the defined contact angle to focus on the individual cutting edges.
	0 : No contact point; the control focuses on the lower cutting edge of the tool.
	-1: REF-ANGLE value from the VTC tool table
	This parameter is effective for ball-nose and toroid cutters only.
	Input: -190

Example

11 TCH PROBE 621 MANUAL INSPECTION ~	
Q620=+1	;CAMERA SELECTION ~
Q629=+0	;CONTACT ANGLE

5.4 Cycle 622 IMAGES

Application

Cycle 622 IMAGES allows you to take and store images of the tool.

Cycle run:

- 1 The control moves the tool to the clearance height and then positions it in front of the selected camera:
 - Q620 = 1: The control positions the tool next to camera 1, shifted by the tool radius and the safety clearance.
 - Q620 = 2: The control positions the tool to the clearance height above the camera 2.
- 2 The spindle revolution is stopped or reduced depending on **Q621**:
 - Panoramic image at camera 1: Spindle revolution is reduced
 - Panoramic image at camera 2: Spindle revolution is stopped
 - Single shot: Spindle revolution is stopped
- 3 The cycle generates the desired images
 - If Q622 is not equal to 0, the control takes multiple images on several focal planes, depending on radius R2.
- 4 The external computer unit saves the images in the tool evaluation of the VTC software in the subfolder defined.
- 5 At the end of the cycle, the control positions the tool to the clearance height.
- 6 If the spindle revolution was active before the cycle call, the control restores this condition at the end of the cycle.

Cleaning function

- Before the start of the cycle, the compressed-air jets on the two cameras are activated for two seconds.
- Before an image is taken, compressed air is applied to the tool for one second.
- During the single shots, compressed air is applied to each required cutting edge for half a second.
- When panoramic images are taken, compressed air is applied to the tool briefly at the beginning of imaging.

Notes

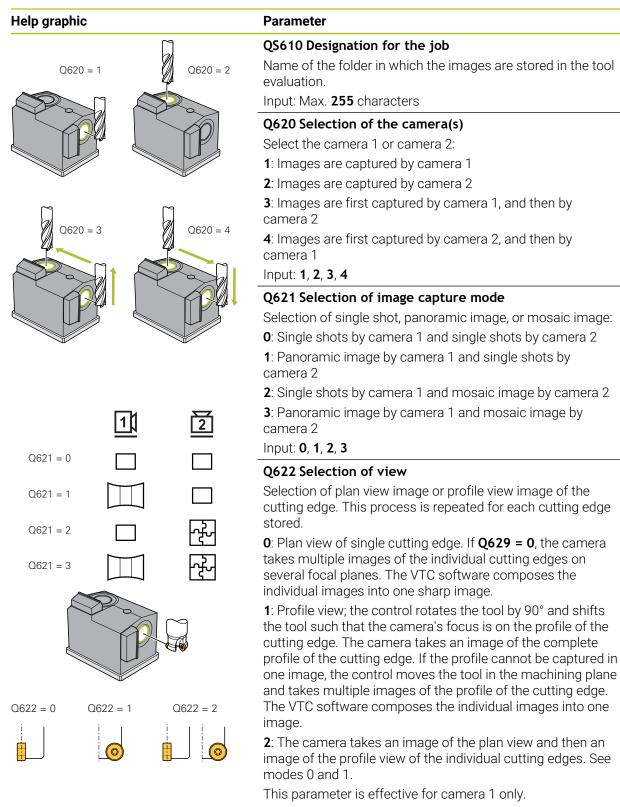
When you program individual shots, the spindle angles of the cutting edges must be specified in the VTC-TOOLS.TAB.

Further information: "VTC tool table", Page 29

Further information: "Things to keep in mind regarding VTC cycles", Page 28

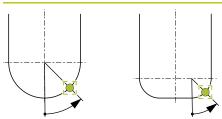
- The profile view is intended for ball-nose cutters or toroid cutters with indexable inserts without twist.
- If you define a mosaic image to be taken by camera 2, then the camera will take multiple images of the bottom of the tool and will automatically compose them into one sharp image.

5.4.1 Cycle parameters



Input: **0**, **1**, **2**

Help graphic



Parameter

Q629 Contact angle at R/R2

Using the contact angle, you define the point on the tool radius or **R2** to which the camera will focus on the tool.

>= 1: The control uses the defined contact angle to focus on the individual cutting edges.

0: No contact point; the control focuses on the lower cutting edge of the tool.

-1: REF-ANGLE value from the VTC tool table

This parameter is effective for ball-nose and toroid cutters only.

Input: -1...90

Example

11 TCH PROBE 622 IMAG	ES ~
QS610=""	;JOB NAME ~
Q620=+1	;CAMERA SELECTION ~
Q621=+0	;IMAGE CAPTURE MODE ~
Q622=+0	;SELECTION OF VIEW ~
Q629=+0	;CONTACT ANGLE

5.5 Cycle 623 BREAKAGE CHECK

Application

Cycle **623 BREAKAGE CHECK** helps you to detect tool breakage. The control saves the result in parameter **Q601**. You can check cylindrical cutters, drills, ball-nose cutters, and toroid cutters for breakage.

Cycle run:

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- 1 The control moves the tool to the clearance height and then positions it next to camera 1 on the outermost tool radius plus safety clearance.
- 2 The control switches on the spindle.
- 3 The VTC software compares the breakage check value with the **LBREAK** value from the control and checks whether the tool is broken or not. The control saves the result in **Q601**.
- 4 At the end of the cycle, the control positions the tool to the clearance height.
- 5 If the spindle revolution was active before the cycle call, the control restores this condition at the end of the cycle.

The control moves ball-nose cutters, toroid cutters, and drills closer to the camera than cylindrical cutters:

- Ball-nose cutter: Closer to the camera by R
- Toroid cutter: Closer to the camera by R2
- Drill: Closer to the camera by **R**

Result parameters Q601:

Result	Meaning
0	No result found
1	Tool is not broken
2	Tool is broken

Cleaning function

- Before the start of the cycle, the compressed-air jets on the two cameras are activated for two seconds.
- Before an image is taken, compressed air is applied directly to the tool for one second.

Notes

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Your machine manufacturer specifies whether your tool will be locked in case of breakage.

- If LBREAK is specified in the tool table, the breakage check can be performed on the tool.
- Further information: "Things to keep in mind regarding VTC cycles", Page 28
- The control is capable of checking ball-nose cutters, toroid cutters, and drills with a tool diameter of no more than 15 mm.

5.5.1 Cycle parameters

Help graphic

Parameter

Cycle $\bf 623$ does not have a cycle parameter. Finish the cycle input with the ${\bf END}$ key.

Example

11 TCH PROBE 623 BREAKAGE CHECK

5.5.2 Possible queries

The **BREAKAGE CONTROL** cycle enters a value in parameter **Q601**.

The following values are possible:

- **Q601** = 0: No result
- **Q601** = 1: Tool not broken
- **Q601** = 2: Tool broken

Example showing a request of parameter **Q601**:

0 BEGIN PGM 6 MM	
1 BLK FORM CYLINDER Z R42 L150	Workpiece blank definition: cylinder
2 FUNCTION MODE MILL	Activate milling mode
3 TOOL CALL 1 Z S4500	
4 L Z+250 R0 FMAX M3	
5 LBL 20	
6 TCH PROBE 623 BREAKAGE CHECK	Define Cycle 623
7 FN 9: IF +Q601 EQU +0 GOTO LBL 20	If parameter Q601 = 0, then jump to LBL 20
8 FN 9: IF +Q601 EQU +1 GOTO LBL 21	If parameter Q601 = 1, then jump to LBL 21
9 FN 9: IF +Q601 EQU +2 GOTO LBL 22	If parameter Q601 = 2, then jump to LBL 22
10 LBL 21	Program the machining operation
57 LBL 22	Definition of LBL 22
58 STOP	Program stop; the operator can inspect the tool
59 LBL 0	
60 END PGM 6 MM	

5.6 Cycle 624 MEASURING CUTTING EDGE ANGLES

Application

Cycle **624 MEASURING CUTTING EDGE ANGLES** allows you to automatically determine the spindle angles of the cutting edges. The control enters them in the **VTC-TOOLS.TAB** table.

Further information: "VTC tool table", Page 29

The spindle angles of the cutting edges are needed for prepositioning in Cycle **621**, and for individual shots and profile images in Cycle **622**. **Cycle 624** is therefore recommended for every tool being used.

Cycle run:

- 1 The control moves the tool to the clearance height and then positions it above camera 2.
- 2 If a spindle revolution is activated, the control stops this movement.
- 3 The cycle automatically determines the spindle angles of the cutting edges.
- 4 The spindle angles are entered in the VTC-TOOLS.TAB table.
- 5 At the end of the cycle, the control positions the tool to the clearance height
- 6 If the spindle revolution was active before the cycle call, the control restores this condition at the end of the cycle.

Cleaning function

- Before the start of the cycle, the compressed-air jets on the two cameras are activated for two seconds.
- Before an image is taken, compressed air is applied directly to the tool for one second.
- During measurement of the spindle angles of the cutting edges, compressed air is applied to each successive cutting edge for half a second.

Notes

- For optimum cutting edge measurement, HEIDENHAIN recommends programming a value between +30° and +60° in parameter Q629 Contact angle.
- Measurement of the spindle angle of the cutting edges can be performed only with cylindrical, ball-nose, or toroid cutters.
- Further information: "Things to keep in mind regarding VTC cycles", Page 28

5.6.1 Cycle parameters

Help graphic	Parameter	
	Q625 Assign new tool ID	
	In order to identify the tool in the tool evaluation, a tool ID number must have been assigned. This makes it possible to distinguish the tools. The tool ID numbers are stored in the VTC-TOOLS.TAB table.	
	0 : If a tool ID number exists, the control will use it. If there is no tool ID number, the control adds a new line with the active tool and assigns a new tool ID number.	
	1 : The control always generates a new tool ID number. If an ID number was already assigned for this tool, it is overwritten.	
	Input: 0 , 1	
	Further information: "VTC tool table", Page 29	
	Q629 Contact angle at R/R2	
	Using the contact angle, you define the point on the tool radius R or R2 to which the camera will focus on the tool and measure the cutting edge.	
	>= 1: The control uses the defined contact angle to focus on the individual cutting edges.	
	The control stores this value in the REF-ANGLE column of the VTC tool table.	
	This parameter is effective for ball-nose and toroid cutters only.	
	Input: 190	

11 TCH PROBE 624	MEASUREMENT OF CUTTING EDGE ANGLE ~
Q625=+0	;NEW TOOL ID ~
Q629=+30	;CONTACT ANGLE

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Basic operation

6.1 Overview

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This chapter describes the user interface, operating elements and basic functions of the software.

6.2 Operation with touchscreen and gestures

The user interface of the VTC software is operated with gestures on the touchscreen or with a connected mouse.

To enter data, you can use the screen keyboard of the touchscreen.

The gestures for operating the touchscreen may differ from the gestures for operating the mouse.

If the gestures for operating the touchscreen differ from those for operating the mouse, then these instructions describe both operating options as alternative actions.

The alternative actions for operating the touchscreen or the mouse are identified by the following symbols:



Operation using the touchscreen

Operation using the mouse

The following overview describes the different gestures for operating the touchscreen or the mouse:

Tapping	
R.	Means touching the screen briefly with your fingertip
Q	Means pressing the left mouse button once
The actions in	itiated by tapping include
	 Selection of menus, features, or parameters
	 Entering characters with the screen keyboard
	Closing dialogs

Double-tap

Means touching the screen twice briefly with your finger tip



Means pressing the left mouse button twice

Double tapping leads to the following actions, for example:



Magnify or minimize images in the Display function and the Inspection View function

Holding (long press)		
R	Means touching the screen and holding your finger(s) on it for a few seconds	
Q	Means pressing the left mouse button once and holding it down	

The actions initiated by holding are



 Quickly changing the values in input fields with plus and minus buttons

Dragging



Is a combination of long press and then swipe, moving a finger over the touchscreen when at least the starting point of motion is defined



Means pressing the left mouse button once and holding it down while moving the mouse; at least the starting point of the motion is defined

The actions initiated by dragging include



Scrolling through lists and texts

6.3 General operating elements and functions

The operating elements described below are available for configuration and operating the product via the touchscreen or input devices.

Screen keyboard

With the screen keyboard, you can enter text into the input fields of the user interface. Depending on the input field, a numeric or alphanumeric screen keyboard is shown.

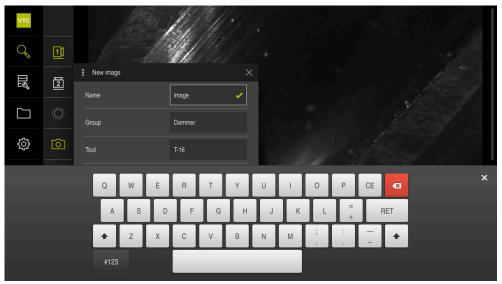


Figure 2: Screen keyboard

- ▶ To enter values, tap an input field
- > The input field is highlighted
- > The screen keyboard is displayed
- Enter text or numbers
- The correctness of the entry in the input field is shown with a green check mark, if applicable
- If the entry is incomplete or incorrect, a red exclamation mark is displayed. In this case, the entry cannot be completed
- ► To apply the values, confirm the entry with **RET**
- > The values are displayed
- > The screen keyboard disappears

Input fields with plus and minus buttons

To adjust a numerical value, use the + (plus) and - (minus) buttons to the left and right of the numerical value.

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- ▶ Tap + or until the desired value is displayed
- ► Long-press + or to scroll through the values more quickly
- > The selected value is displayed

Slide switch

With the slide switch, you can activate or deactivate a function.

- Drag the slide switch to the desired position
- or
- ► Tap the slide switch
- > The function is activated or deactivated

Slider

Use the slider (horizontal or vertical) to continuously adjust values.



- Drag the slider to the desired position
- > The selected value is displayed graphically or in percent

Drop-down list

Buttons that open drop-down lists are indicated by a triangle pointing down.

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The drop-down list opens

- The active entry is highlighted in green
- Tap the desired entry
- > The selected entry is applied

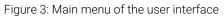
Operating element	Function	
	Close	
X	Tap Close to close a dialog	
	Confirm	
	Tap Confirm to conclude an action	
	Back	
	Tap Back to return to the higher level in the menu structure	

6.4 User interface

6.5 Main menu of the user interface

User interface of the VTC software

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Main menu operating elements

Operating element	Function
0	Manual tool inspection
Ŷ	Live image of the tool with choice of camera, lighting control by means of the lighting palette and taking of single shots and panoramic images
	Tool evaluation
El	Overview of the images taken and evaluation of the tool condition
	File management
	Management of the files that are available on the control
	Settings
\$ \$	Settings of the product, such as software configuration or enabling of software options

6.6 Manual tool inspection menu

Activation

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- ► Tap Manual tool inspection in the main menu
- > The user interface for the tool inspection is displayed

Short description



Figure 4: Manual tool inspection menu

Functions

Operating element	Function	
Le H	Camera 1	
	Usually shows the tool from the side	
	Camera 2	
	Usually shows the tool from below	
	Lighting palette	
	Setting the lighting with the LEDs on the device	
	New image	
	Taking a single shot or panoramic image	
าใ	Blow off	
ال	Activation of the product's jet blocks for cleaning the cover glasses and the tool with compressed air	

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6.7 Tool evaluation menu

Activation

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- ► Tap **Tool evaluation** in the main menu
- The user interface for the evaluation of the tool condition is displayed



Figure 5: Tool evaluation menu

Navigation elements

The **Tool evaluation** menu has several menu levels that are based on one another. The navigation path in the function area helps you to orient yourself within the menu levels.

Tool evaluation ► Group ► Tool ► Image series

6.8 File management menu

Calling up



- ► Tap File management in the main menu
- > The file management user interface is displayed

Short description

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ŝ	P:	C PeriLogs
5	W:	C Program Files
	Z:	Program Files (x86)
		C Temp
		C Users
		C Windows

Figure 6: File management menu

The **File management** menu shows an overview of the files stored in the control's memory.

6.9 Settings menu

Calling up



- ▶ Tap Settings in the main menu
- > The user interface for the product settings is displayed

Short description

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Figure 7: Settings menu

The **Settings** menu shows all of the options for configuring the product. The settings parameters allow you to adapt the product to on-site requirements.



Manual tool inspection

7.1 Overview

In the **Manual tool inspection** menu, you can view the live image of a camera. You can also configure the lighting and save an image. The live image can be called via Cycle **621** at the connected control.



Figure 8: Manual tool inspection menu

7.2 Displaying a camera image

Camera 1 shows the side view of the tool. Camera 2 shows the tool view from below.

The camera views are activated via Cycle **621**.

To switch manually between the camera views of camera 1 and camera 2:

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- ► Tap **Camera 1** to show the side view
- > The side view is displayed
- > The active camera is displayed in green



- ▶ Tap **Camera 2** to show the bottom view
- > The bottom view is displayed
- > The active camera is displayed in green

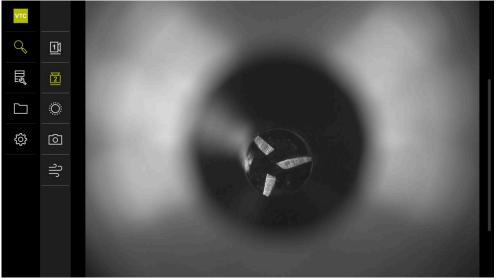


Figure 9: Live image of camera 2

7.3 Lighting palette

You can individually adapt the brightness of the LEDs on the device depending on the light conditions inside the machine tool. Camera 1 and camera 2 each have a ring light with twelve LEDs for this purpose.

Under **Simple**, you can set the brightness of the individual sectors. Under **Extended**, you can control each LED in the ring light separately.

7.3.1 Opening the lighting palette



- ► Tap Lighting in the Manual tool inspection menu
- > The **Simple** lighting palette is opened
- ► Tap **Extended** to control each LED separately
- > The **Extended** lighting palette is opened



Figure 10: Lighting dialog box

7.3.2 Operating elements of the Lighting palette

The lighting palette in simple and extended mode is configured via sliders. In simple mode, the sliders show the average value of the three LEDs in percent. In extended mode, the sliders show the individual values of the LEDs.

Symbol	Explanation			
Ś	 Simple: Exposure time with an accuracy of 1/10 ms Extended: Exposure time with an accuracy of 1/100 ms Settings: 0 ms66 ms Default setting: 7 ms 			
	The settings options vary depending on the connected vision system.			
	 Simple: Average brightness of the upper sector Extended: Brightness of the upper three LEDs. The LEDs can be controlled separately. Settings: 0%100% Default setting: 50% 			
	 Simple: Average brightness of the right-hand sector Extended: Brightness of the upper three LEDs. The LEDs can be controlled separately. Settings: 0 % 100 % Default setting: 50 % 			
	 Simple: Average brightness of the lower sector Extended: Brightness of the lower three LEDs. The LEDs can be controlled separately. Settings: 0 % 100 % Default setting: 50 % 			
	 Simple: Average brightness of the left-hand sector Extended: Brightness of the three left-hand LEDs. The LEDs can be controlled separately. Settings: 0 % 100 % Default setting: 50 % 			
H-	The operating element is displayed in simple mode if three bundled LEDs have different lighting values.			
)į	 Brightness of the lateral LED on the jet block Settings: 0 % 100 % Default setting: 50 % 			

7.3.3 Configuring the lighting

The lighting palette provides sliders for stepless adjustment of the lighting. In simple mode, the sliders show the average value of the three LEDs in percent. In extended mode, the sliders show the individual values of the LEDs in percent.

The percentage value shows the brightness setting of the LEDs for the respective camera. If the value is below 100 %, the LEDs are dimmed.

To adjust the lighting:

Configuring the lighting in simple mode



- Select the desired camera
- Tap Lighting
- ► To set the brightness of individual sectors, tap **Simple**
- To activate the sensor, tap the corresponding operating element
- > The operating element and the slider are displayed in green
- To set the desired lighting, drag the slider horizontally to the right or left
- > The lighting is adjusted

Configuring the lighting in extended mode



- Select the desired camera
- Tap Lighting
- To set the brightness of individual LEDs, tap Extended
- To activate the sensor, tap the corresponding operating element
- > The operating element and the slider are displayed in green
- To set the desired lighting, drag the slider horizontally to the right or left
- > The lighting is adjusted



The lighting that was configured in one mode is automatically transferred to the other lighting mode.

Closing the lighting palette

or

X

Tap Close to close the dialog



- Tap Lighting
- > The lighting configuration is saved
- > The dialog is closed

7.4 Manual single shots

You can manually take images of a live image and save them. Based on the images, you can inspect the tool for breakage.

To take an image, enter the name, group, and tool in the **New image** dialog.

This information is necessary to be able to save an image in the **Tool** evaluation.



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If you create and open a group and a tool entry in the **Tool evaluation** menu beforehand, this information is automatically transferred when a new image is taken.

Further information: "Add group", Page 63 Further information: "Add tool entry", Page 66

7.4.1 Opening a manual single shot



- ► Tap **Record** in the Manual tool inspection menu
- > The **New image** dialog box appears

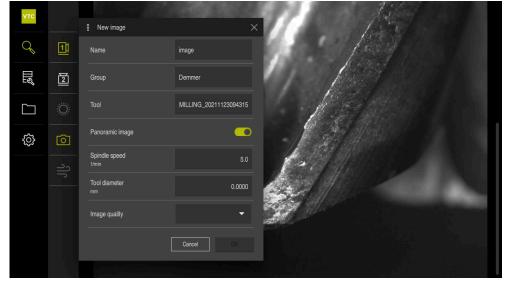


Figure 11: **New image** dialog box

7.4.2 Parameters of the single shot

In the **New image** dialog box, you can define the parameters of the image. If the Pano software option is enabled, you can also take a panoramic image.

Parameter	Explanation		
Name	Name of the image under which it is saved in the Tool evaluation		
Group	Assignment to a group in the Tool evaluation		
Tool	Assignment to a tool entry in the Tool evaluation		
Panoramic image	Activation of the panoramic image Setting: ON or OFF Default setting: OFF 		
Spindle speed	 Entry of the tool rotation value. The camera needs this information to generate a panoramic image Setting: Corresponding spindle speed of the machine tool 		
	Default setting: 0.0 rpm		
Tool diameter	Entry of the diameter of the respective tool. The appli- cation needs this information to generate a panoramic image		
	 Setting: Diameter of the tool in the machine Default setting: 0.0000 mm 		
Image quality	 Selection of the quality in which the image is to be saved Setting: Low, Medium, or High Default setting: / 		
	A higher quality requires a lower spindle speed.		

Saving single shots

- ► Tap **OK** to save the image
- > The image is saved in the corresponding menu of the **Tool** evaluation

Discarding single shots

- ► Tap Cancel to discard the image
- > The image is discarded
- > The New image dialog box is closed

7.5 Cleaning with compressed air

The **Blow off** button allows you to clean the cover glasses and the area around the tool with compressed air.



- ► Tap **Blow off** in the Manual tool inspection menu
- > The **Blow off** dialog box appears
- Tap and hold Start in the Blow off dialog box
- > The cover glasses and the tool are cleaned with compressed air from the product's jet blocks.
- ► Release Start
- > The compressed air is switched off

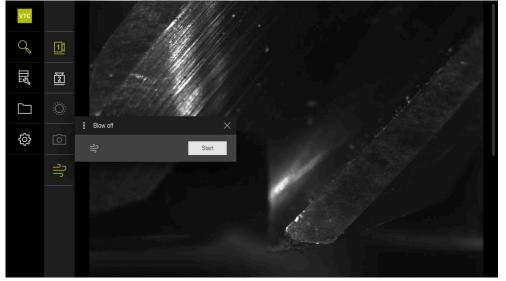


Figure 12: **Blow off** dialog box



Tool evaluation

8.1 Overview

The images taken manually and the images from Cycle **621** and Cycle **622** are saved in the **Tool evaluation** menu. To get an overview of the images taken, you can combine the tools in different groups and create image series.

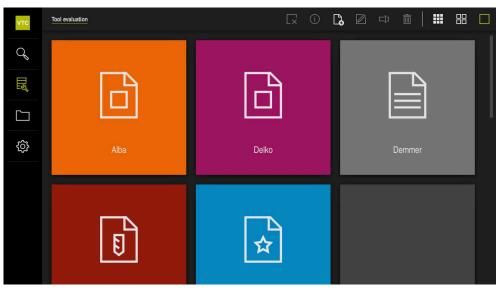


Figure 13: Tool evaluation menu

8.2 Menu levels

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The **Tool evaluation** menu has three menu levels that can be operated analogously to one another.

The following menu levels are available to store the images:

- First menu level **Tool evaluation**
- Second menu level Group
- Third menu level Tools

The navigation path in the function area of the menu provides an overview and enables you to navigate between the menu levels. **Further information:** "Navigation elements", Page 48

Depiction of the contents

Operating elements	Explanation		
	View small		
	All entries of the menu level are displayed in small size.		
	View medium		
	The entries of the menu level are displayed in medium size.		
	View large		
	The entries of the menu level are displayed in large size.		



The entries of all menu levels are sorted numerically and/or alphabetically. Numbers come before letters.

8.3 First menu level of Tool evaluation menu

In the first menu level of the Tool evaluation menu, you can define groups. The groups allow you to structure the tool entries, single shots, and serial images. You will also indicate this group as "Job" in Cycle 622 when generating serial images.

8.3.1 **Operating elements of the Tool evaluation menu level**

The **Tool evaluation** menu level provides the following functions:

Operating elements	ts Explanation		
	Deselect		
Lx	Deactivates the selection of groups, tool entries or image series.		
	Information		
\bigcirc	Activates the display of various information about the group, tool entry, or image series, such as:		
	 Creation date 		
	Change date		
	Last opened on		
	Image size, if applicable		
	 Lighting information, if applicable 		
	 Exposure time, if applicable 		
	Add group		
Lo	Creates a new group and opens the Add group dialog box.		
	Customize group		
	Opens the Customize group dialog box. The display of the group can be individualized by selecting:		
	Icons		
	Color		
	Comment field		
	Rename		
	Opens the Rename dialog box. A new name for the group can be defined.		
<u></u>	Delete		
	Opens the Delete dialog box.		
Add group			
	p Add group to create a new group		

8.3.2

- Tap Add group to create a new group
- > The Add group dialog box appears
- Tap the **Name** field ►
- Enter the desired name via the screen keyboard
- ► Confirm with **RET**
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > The new group is created

8.3.3 Customize group

- To edit a group, tap and hold the group in question
- > The group is shown in green



Tap Customize

- > The Customize dialog box appears
- Tap the icon as needed
- ► Tap the desired color, if applicable
- ▶ Tap the comment field, if needed
- Enter the comment via the screen keyboard
- Confirm with RET
- Confirm with **OK**
- > The representation of the group is adjusted



Figure 14: Customize dialog box

8.3.4 Rename group

- ▶ To edit a group, tap and hold the group in question
- > The group is shown in green

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► Tap Rename

- > The **Rename** dialog box is opened
- ► Tap the Name field
- ▶ Enter the new name via the screen keyboard
- Confirm with **RET**
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > The name of the group is changed
- > The groups are sorted alphabetically, if applicable

8.3.5 Delete group



Please note that deleting a group also deletes all of the tool entries and their contents in the group.

- To edit a group, tap and hold the group in question
- > The group is shown in green



- Tap Delete
- > The **Delete** dialog box appears
- ► To delete the group and all of the tool entries in the group, confirm with **OK**
- > The group is removed

8.4 Second menu level: Group

In the second menu level of the **Tool evaluation** menu, you can make tool entries. The tool entries allow you to structure the images individually. You will also make tool entries when generating image series in Cycle **622**.

Opening the Group menu level

The **Group** menu level is only available when you have already created a group. To open the **Group** menu level:

- Tap the desired group
- > The group opens
- > The navigation path shows the menu level

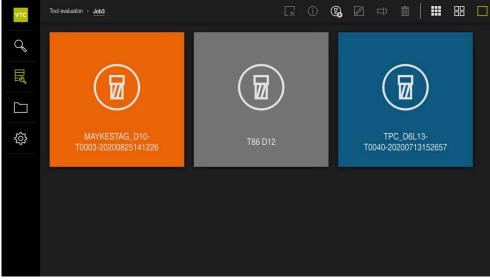


Figure 15: Group menu level

8.4.1 Operating elements of the Group menu level

The **Group** menu level provides the following functions:

Operating elements	ing elements Explanation		
	Deselect		
L×	Deactivates the selection of groups, tool entries or		
	image series.		
(i)	Information		
	Activates the display of various information about the group, tool entry, or image series, such as:		
	 Creation date 		
	Change date		
	Last opened on		
	Image size, if applicable		
	 Lighting information, if applicable 		
	Exposure time, if applicable		
	Add tool entry		
Go	Creates a new tool entry and opens the Add tool entry dialog box.		
	Customize tool entry		
	Opens the Customize tool entry dialog box. The display of the tool entry can be individualized by selecting:		
	 Icons (various tool types) 		
	Color		
	Comment field		
	Rename		
	Opens the Rename dialog box. A new name for the tool entry can be defined.		
-	Delete		
	Opens the Delete dialog box.		

8.4.2 Add tool entry



- ► To create a new tool entry, tap Add tool entry
- > The Add tool entry dialog box appears
- ► Tap the Name field
- Enter the desired name via the screen keyboard
- ► Confirm with **RET**
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > A new tool entry is created

8.4.3 Customize tool entry

- To edit a tool entry, tap and hold the desired tool entry
- > The tool entry is now shown in green



► Tap Customize

- > The Customize dialog box appears
- Tap a tool-type icon as desired
- ► Tap the desired color, if applicable
- ► Tap the comment field, if needed
- Enter the comment via the screen keyboard
- Confirm with RET
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > The representation of the tool entry is adjusted

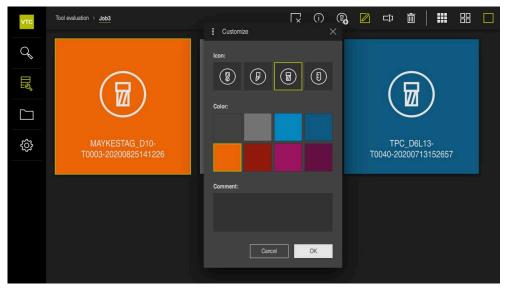


Figure 16: Customize dialog box

8.4.4 Rename tool entry

- ► To edit a tool entry, tap and hold the desired tool entry
- > The tool entry is now shown in green



Tap Rename

- > The Rename dialog box is opened
- ► Tap the Name field
- Enter the new name via the screen keyboard
- Confirm with RET
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > The name of the tool entry is changed
- > The tool entries are sorted alphabetically, if applicable

8.4.5 Delete tool entry



Please note that deleting a tool entry also deletes all images and image series of the tool entry.

- ▶ To edit a tool entry, tap and hold the desired tool entry
- > The tool entry is now shown in green



Tap Delete

- > The **Delete** dialog box appears
- Confirm with OK to delete the tool entry and the images contained
- > The tool entry is removed

8.5 Third menu level: Tools

In the third menu level of the **Tool evaluation** menu, you can display the images of the tool and change the tool status. You can also create image series to combine various images in a series.

You can either create the images in this menu level yourself via the **Manual tool inspection** or use Cycle **622** to generate them. You can define the storage location yourself when taking manual single shots, or use the cycle.

Further information: "Opening a manual single shot", Page 57

Opening the Tools menu level

You can get to the **Tools** menu level when you have already created a tool entry. To open the **Tools** menu level:

- Tap the desired tool entry
- > The tool entry is opened
- > The navigation path shows the menu level

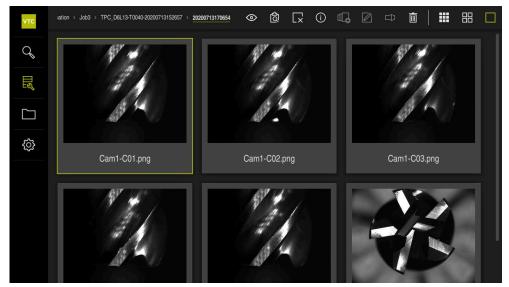


Figure 17: **Tools** menu level

8.5.1 Operating elements of the Tools menu level

The **Tools** menu level provides the following functions:

Operating elements Explanation			
 Image: A = 0 	View image Activates the display of an image. The View image function allows you to magnify or minimize the recorded images of the tools. The individual series or sequence of the series is provided for navigation.		
	Inspection view Opens the Inspection view . The tool status is defined via the cycle. The tool can be inspected in different views.		
	Deselect Deactivates the selection of groups, tool entries or image series.		
(j)	 Information Activates the display of various information about the group, tool entry, or image series, such as: Creation date Change date Last opened on Image size, if applicable Lighting information, if applicable Exposure time, if applicable Add image series 		
ч с	Creates a new image series and opens the Add image series dialog box.		
	 Customize image series Opens the Customize image series dialog box. The display of the image series can be individualized by selecting: Color Comment field 		
сþ	Rename Opens the Rename dialog box. A new name for the image series can be defined.		
面	Delete Opens the Delete dialog box.		

8.5.2 Working with the View image function

The **View image** function is available for all images from the cycles and for images from the manual tool inspection. The **View image** function allows you to magnify parts of the image and to navigate between the images.

If the image is a panoramic image, you can improve wear control by virtually adapting the displayed illumination angle of individual cutting edges via the slider in order to illuminate the tool optimally and to remove any reflections.

Opening the "View image" function

or



- Tap the desired view
- Tap View image
- Double-tap the desired image
- > The full view is opened



Figure 18: View image function with single shot

Brightening single shots



- Tap the wand icon to brighten the image
- > The image is brightened.

Magnifying or minimizing single shots



- Tap + to magnify the image
- > The image is magnified in 10% steps
- > The image size is shown in percent

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- To minimize the image, tap –
- > The image size is reduced in 10 % steps
- > The image size is shown in percent
- To switch between the 100 % view and the full-surface view in the window, double-tap the image

Removing reflections from the tool in panoramic images

- To adjust the illumination angle of a panoramic image, drag the slider to the right and left
- > The incidence angle of the light is adjusted

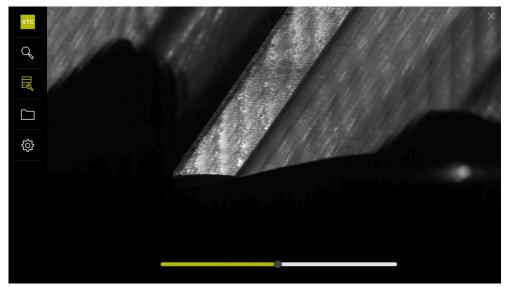


Figure 19: View image function with panoramic image

Closing the "View image" function

- ► Tap **Close** to close the **View image** function
- > The View image function is closed

8.5.3 Working with the Inspection view function



The **Inspection view** function is only available for automatically generated image series from the cycles.

Overview

Within the **Inspection view** function, you can use the **Side view**, **Bottom view**, and **Magnification view**. The **Side view** and the **Bottom view** each are supplemented by the **Magnification view**.

The **Side view** and the **Bottom view** provide a single view or, if required, panoramic view. If you select **Bottom view** or **Side view**, an image detail is shown in the **Magnification view**.

The zooming frame can be used in both views. If you change the image position in the **Magnification view**, the zooming frame will show you the current position in the **Side view** or **Bottom view**.

The **Magnification view** allows you the magnify or minimize the image detail. The zooming frame adapts according to the image detail. When you have checked your tool based on the images, you can define the tool status.



If you set a zooming frame and switch between the images within a series, the set zooming frame remains at the same position.

Opening the inspection view



- Tap Inspection view
- > The Inspection view function is opened

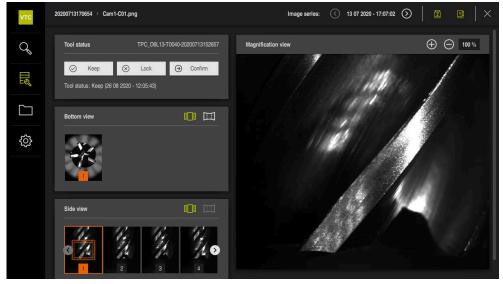


Figure 20: Inspection view function

Operating elements of the inspection view

The following operating elements are available:

Operating element	Function
11	Camera 1 Activates and deactivates the Side view . The Side view shows the selected tool image from the perspective of camera 1.
	Camera 2
2	Activates and deactivates the Bottom view . The Bottom view shows the selected tool image from the perspective of camera 2.
	Single view
	Activates and deactivates the Single view of the images of a series.
	Panoramic view
	Activates and deactivates the Panoramic view if a panoramic image was taken within the series.
	Mosaic view
22 22	Activates and deactivates the mosaic view. The mosaic view generates a composite image from single shots of a tool from below (camera 2).

Working with the single view

To use the views and the zooming frame in the **single view**:

- Tap single view in the Bottom view or Side view
- Tap an image in the Bottom view or Side view
- > An orange frame is placed around the selected image
- > The zooming frame shows the image detail in Magnification view
- To change the image detail, tap the Magnification view and drag it to the desired position
- > The zooming frame shows the new position in the selected image
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- Tap Magnify to enlarge the image detail
- > The size of the zooming frame is adjusted
- ▶ Tap Minimize to reduce the size of the image detail
- > The size of the zooming frame is adjusted
- Repeat the inspection of the cutting edges in the other views

In the **single view**, numbers show the connection between the **Side view** and the **Bottom view**. This allows you to put the images of the cutting edges in relation to one another.

Double-click the **Magnification view** to switch directly between the 100 % view and the entire image.

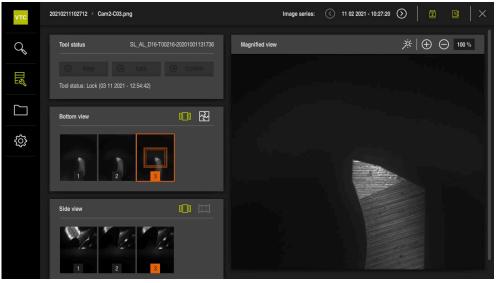


Figure 21: Inspection view of the single view

Working with the panoramic view



The **panoramic view** is only available for panoramic images within the series. The **panoramic view** is useful for inspecting the **Side view**.



Tap panoramic view in the Side view

- > An orange frame is placed around the selected image
- The zooming frame shows the image detail in Magnification view
- To change the image detail, tap the Magnification view and drag it to the desired position
- > The zooming frame shows the new position in the selected image
- To illuminate the tool optimally without any reflections, drag the slider to the right or left
- > The representation of the cutting edge is optimally illuminated to remove any reflections

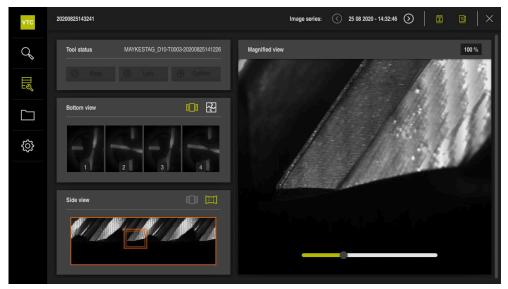


Figure 22: Inspection view of the panoramic view

Defining the Tool status

In the **Tool status**, you can evaluate the images from the cycles after the inspection was performed. Proceed as follows:

- ► Tap Keep or Lock
- ► Tap **Confirm**
- > The tool status is saved with date and time



For HEIDENHAINTNC 640 controls only: If you select the **Lock** tool status, then the tool will be locked permanently in the TNC tool table **TOOL.T**.

8.5.4 Add image series



- To create a new series of images, tap **Add image series**
- > The Add image series dialog box appears
- Tap the Name field
- Enter the desired name via the screen keyboard
- Confirm with **RET**
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > A new image series is created

8.5.5 Customize image series

- To edit an image series, tap and hold the image series in question
- > The image series is shown in green



Tap Customize

- > The **Customize** dialog box appears
- Tap the desired color, if applicable
- Tap the comment field, if needed
- Enter the comment via the screen keyboard
- ► Confirm with **RET**
- Confirm with OK
- > The representation of the image series is adjusted

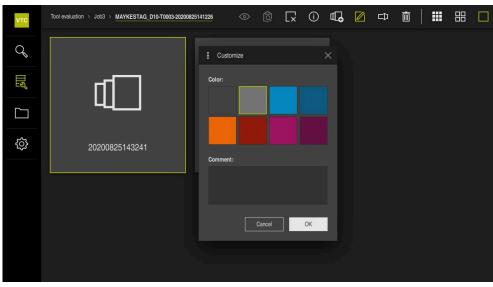


Figure 23: Customize dialog box

8.5.6 Rename image series

- To edit an image series, tap and hold the image series in question
- > The image series is shown in green



- Tap Rename
- > The **Rename** dialog box appears
- ► Tap the Name field
- Enter the new name via the screen keyboard
- ► Confirm with **RET**
- ► Confirm with **OK**
- > The name of the image series is changed
- > The order of the image series is sorted automatically

8.5.7 Delete image series and single shots



Please note that deleting an image series deletes all of the images that belong to this series.

- To edit an image series, tap and hold the image series in question
- > The image series is shown in green



Tap Delete

- > The **Delete** dialog box appears
- ► To delete the image series and all of the images contained in it, confirm with **OK**
- > The image series is removed



- ▶ To delete a single shot, tap the desired single shot
- Tap Delete
- > The single shot is removed



File management

9.1 Overview

This chapter describes the **File management** menu and its functions.



Make sure that you have read and understood the "Basic operation" chapter before carrying out the actions described below. **Further information:** "Basic operation", Page 41

Short description

The **File management** menu shows an overview of the files stored in the control's memory.

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- ► Tap File management in the main menu
- > The file management user interface is displayed

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		C Temp
		C Users
		C Windows

Figure 24: File management menu

9.2 File types

In the File management menu you can edit the following file types:

Туре	Use	Manage	View	Open	Print
*.mcc	Configuration files	\checkmark	_	_	_
*.dro	Firmware files	✓	_	_	_
*.svg, *.ppm	Image files	\checkmark	_	_	_
*.jpg, *.png, *.bmp	Image files	1	\checkmark	_	_
*.wav	Audio files	√	1	_	-
*.CSV	Text files	✓	_	_	_
*.txt, *.log, *.xml	Text files	1	\checkmark	_	_
*.pdf	PDF files	\checkmark	\checkmark	-	_



Access to the files depends on the configuration of the access rights on the PC or server.

9.3 Managing folders and files

Folder structure

In the **File management** menu, the files in the installation folder are saved in the following folders in ...\HEIDENHAIN\VTC\ProductsMGE5\Metrology\VTC\user:

Folders	Application	
Documents	Document files	
Images	Image files for the user interface	
System	Audio files and system files	
ToolManagerFileBase	Available data, tool images	
User	User data	

Operating element Function Creating a new folder Touch the icon of the folder in which you want to create a new folder, and drag it to the right > The operating elements are displayed Tap Create a new folder Tap the input field in the dialog box and enter a name for the new folder ► Confirm your input with **RET** Тар **ОК** ► > A new folder is created

Operating element	Function
\sim	Moving a folder
	Touch the icon of the folder you want to move, and drag it to the right
	> The operating elements are displayed
	Tap Move to
	In the dialog box, select the folder to which you want to move the folder
	Tap Select
	> The folder is moved
	Copying a folder
	 Touch the icon of the folder you want to copy, and drag it to the right
	> The operating elements are displayed
	Tap Copy to
	In the dialog box, select the folder to which you want to copy the folder
	Tap Select
	> The folder is copied
\sim	Renaming a folder
	 Touch the icon of the folder you want to rename, and drag it to the right
	> The operating elements are displayed
	Tap Rename folder
	 Tap the input field in the dialog box and enter a name for the new folder
	Confirm your input with RET
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	> The folder is renamed
	Moving a file
9]	 Touch the icon of the file you want to move, and drag it to the right
	> The operating elements are displayed
	Tap Move to
	In the dialog box, select the folder to which you want to move the file
	Tap Select
	> The file is moved
	 The file is moved If you move a file into a folder containing a file with the same name, that file is overwritten.

Operating element	Function		
	Copying a file		
	 Touch the icon of the file you want to copy, and drag it to the right 		
	> The operating elements are displayed		
	Tap Copy to		
	In the dialog box, select the folder to which you want to copy the file		
	Tap Select		
	> The file is copied		
	Renaming a file		
	 Touch the icon of the file you want to rename, and drag it to the right 		
	> The operating elements are displayed		
	Tap Rename file		
	 Tap the input field in the dialog box and enter a name for the new file 		
	Confirm your input with RET		
	► Tap OK		
	> The file is renamed		
	Deleting a folder or file		
	The folders and files you delete will be permanently deleted and cannot be recovered. If you delete a folder, all subfolders and files contained in that folder will also be deleted.		
	 Touch the icon of the folder or file you want to delete, and drag it to the right 		
	 The operating elements are displayed 		
	Tap Delete selection		
	Tap Delete		

> The folder or file is deleted

9.4 Viewing files

Viewing files

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- ► Tap File management in the main menu
- Navigate to the storage location of the desired file
- ► Tap the file
- A preview image (only with PDF and image files) as well as information about the file are displayed
- ► Tap View
- > The file contents are displayed
- ► Tap **Close** to close the view



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Settings

10.1 Overview

This chapter describes settings for configuring the operation and representation mode.

10.1.1 Software information

Path: Settings > General > Software information

The overview displays basic information about the software.

Parameter	Displays the information	
Product designation	Product designation of the software	
Serial number	Version number of the software	
Firmware version	Version number of the software	
Firmware built on	Software creation date	
Last firmware update on	Date of most recent software update	

10.1.2 Sounds

Path: Settings ► General ► Sounds

The available sounds are grouped into categories. The sounds differ within a category.

Parameter	Explanation
Speaker	Use of the built-in speaker on the
	Settings: ON or OFF
	Default setting: ON
Speaker volume	Volume of the product's speaker
	Setting range: 0 % 100 %
	Default setting: 50 %
Message and Error	Sound to be played when a message is displayed
	When you select a setting, the associated sound is played
	Settings: Standard, Guitar, Robot, Outer space, No sound
	Default setting: Standard
Touch tone	Sound to be played when using a touch element
	When you select a setting, the associated sound is played
	Settings: Standard, Guitar, Robot, Outer space, No sound
	Default setting: Standard

10.1.3 Units

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Parameter	Explanation
Unit for linear values	Unit of measure for linear values
	Settings: Millimeters or Inch
	Default setting: Millimeters
Rounding method for linear	Rounding method for linear values
values	Settings:
	 Commercial: Decimal places from 1 to 4 are rounded down, decimal places from 5 to 9 are rounded up
	Round off: Decimal places from 1 to 9 are rounded down
	Round up: Decimal places from 1 to 9 are rounded up
	 Truncate: Decimal places are truncated without rounding up or down
	■ Round to 0 and 5 : Decimal places ≤ 24 or ≥ 75 are rounded to 0, decimal places ≥ 25 or ≤ 74 are rounded to 5
	Default setting: Commercial
Decimal places for linear values	Number of decimal places for linear values
	Setting range:
	Millimeters: 0 5
	Inch: 0 7
	Default value:
	Millimeters: 4
	Inch: 6
Unit for angular values	Unit for angular values
	Settings:
	Radian: Angles in radian (rad)
	Decimal degrees: Angles in degrees (°) with decimal places
	Deg-Min-Sec: Angles in degrees (°), minutes ['] and seconds ["]
	Default setting: Decimal degrees
Rounding method for angular	Rounding method for decimal angular values
values	Settings:
	 Commercial: Decimal places from 1 to 4 are rounded down, decimal places from 5 to 9 are rounded up
	Round off: Decimal places from 1 to 9 are rounded down
	Round up: Decimal places from 1 to 9 are rounded up
	 Truncate: Decimal places are truncated without rounding up or down
	■ Round to 0 and 5: Decimal places ≤ 24 or ≥ 75 are rounded to 0, decimal places ≥ 25 or ≤ 74 are rounded to 5
	Default setting: Commercial

Parameter	Explanation
Decimal places for angular	Number of decimal places for angular values
values	Setting range:
	Radian: 0 7
	Decimal degrees: 0 5
	Deg-Min-Sec: 0 2
	Default value:
	Radian: 5
	Decimal degrees: 3
	Deg-Min-Sec: 0
Decimal separator	Separator for the display of values
	Settings: Point or Comma
	Default setting: Point

10.1.4 Copyrights

Settings ► General ► Copyrights

Parameter	Meaning and function	
Open source software	Display of the licenses of the software used	

10.2 Sensors

This chapter describes settings for configuring the sensors. Depending on the software options that have been activated on the product, various parameters are available for configuring the sensors.

10.2.1 Camera

Path: Settings ► Sensors ► Camera

The **Camera** menu shows a list of the virtual cameras.

10.2.2 Virtual camera or hardware camera

Settings ► Sensors ► Camera ► Camera designation

Parameter	Explanation
Camera	Shows the name of the camera
Serial number	Shows the serial number of the camera
Sensor resolution	Shows the resolution of the camera sensor
Frames per second	Shows the number of camera images per second
Frames (successful/faulty)	Shows the number of successful and faulty images taken since the last time the product was powered up
Pixel format	Displayable color range of the camera image
	Settings:
	8 Bit : 256 colors

Parameter	Explanation
Image directory	Location in which the demo image is stored on the product (can only be set for virtual cameras)
	Default setting: Camera folder in installation folder
Network settings	Network address and subnet mask of the network connection (can only be set for connected (GigE) camera)
	Settings:
	IPv4 address: Network address
	IPv4 subnet mask: Subnet mask
	Default setting: OFF
	The camera must be in the same subnet as the product.
Rotation of the image	Depending on the mechanical mounting of the camera, the image can be rotated in the camera
	Settings:
	0 °
	■ 90°
	■ 180°
	270°
	Default setting: 270°
Pixel clock (MHz)	Rate at which the image data are read from the camera sensor
	Setting range: depending on connected camera
Frame rate (fps)	Number of single images acquired per second
	 Setting range: depending on connected camera
Default values	Resets Pixel clock (MHz) and Frame rate (fps) to the default values
Focus points	Shows the values of the camera's focal points
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Deactivate camera

Deactivates the camera and live image

10.3 Interfaces

This chapter describes settings for configuring networks, network drives, and USB mass storage devices.

10.3.1 OPC UA-Server

Path:	Settings ► Interfaces ► OPC UA-Server
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Parameter	Explanation
Port	Entry of OPC UA interface

10.4 Service

This chapter describes the settings for the product configuration and for the maintenance of the firmware.

10.4.1 Firmware information

Path: Settings > Service > Firmware information

The following information on the individual software modules is displayed for service and maintenance.

Parameter	Explanation
Core version	Version number of the microkernel
Boot ID	ID number of the boot process
C Library Version	Version number of the C library
Compiler Version	Version number of the compiler
Number of unit starts	Number of times the product was switched on
Qt build system	Version number of the Qt compilation software
Qt runtime libraries	Version number of the Qt runtime libraries
Kernel	Version number of the Linux kernel
Login status	Information on the logged-in user
SystemInterface	Version number of the system interface module
Guilnterface	Version number of the user interface module
TextDataBank	Version number of the text database module
CameraInterface	Version number of the camera interface module
NetworkInterface	Version number of the network interface module
OSInterface	Version number of the operating system interface module
VTCComServer	Version number of the VTC ComServer module
VTCDataBase	Version number of the VTC database module
VTCSettings	Version number of the VTC settings module
system.xml	Version number of the system parameters
info.xml	Version number of the information parameters
audio.xml	Version number of the audio parameters
camera.xml	Version number of the camera parameters
network.xml	Version number of the network parameters

Parameter	Explanation
os.xml	Version number of the operating system parameters
runtime.xml	Version number of the runtime parameters
users.xml	Version number of the user parameters
vtcCameraSettings.xml	Version number of the VTC camera parameters
vtcDataBaseSettings.xml	Version number of the VTC database parameters
vtcDisplaySettings.xml	Version number of the parameters for the VTC representation
vtcLightSettings.xml	Version number of the parameters for the lighting
vtcServerSettings.xml	Version number of the VTC server parameters
GI Patch Level	Patch level of the golden image (GI)

10.4.2 Back up and restore

Settings ► Service ► Back up and restore

The product's settings or user files can be backed up as a file so that they are available after a reset to the factory default settings has been performed or for installation on multiple products.

Parameters	Explanation
Restore settings	Restoring of the backed up settings
	Further information: "Restore settings", Page
Back up settings	Backing up of settings of the product
	Further information: "Back up settings", Page

10.4.3 Software options

Path: Settings > Service > Software options

10.4.4 Tools

Path: Settings > Service > Tools

Parameter	Explanation
Remote access for screenshots	Activation of remote access for screenshots of the software
	Settings: ON or OFF
	Default setting: OFF
Developer tools	The developer tools can only be accessed with a password



Servicing and maintenance

11.1 Overview

This chapter describes the service functions of the software. You can save and restore your settings. You can also enable the software options.



The following steps must be performed only by qualified personnel. **Further information:** "Personnel qualification", Page 16

11.2 Back up settings

The settings can be backed up as a file to make them available after a reset to the factory default settings or for installation on multiple products.



- Tap Settings in the main menu
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- Tap Service
- Open in succession:
 - Back up and restore
 - Back up settings
- Tap Complete backup
- If required, connect a USB mass storage device (FAT32 format) to a USB port
- Select the folder to which you want to copy the configuration file
- Specify a name for the configuration data (e.g., "<yyyy-mmdd>_config")
- Confirm your input with **RET**
- Tap Save as
- ► Tap **OK** to confirm the successful backup of the configuration
- > The configuration file has been backed up

Further information: "Back up and restore", Page 91

11.3 Restore settings

Backed-up settings can be reloaded. The current configuration of the software is replaced in the process.



- ► Tap **Settings** in the main menu
- Open in succession:
 - Service
 - Back up and restore
 - Restore settings
- Tap Complete restoration
- ▶ If required, connect a USB mass storage device to a USB port
- Navigate to the folder containing the backup file
- Select the backup file
- Tap Select
- ► Confirm the successful transfer with **OK**
- > The software is terminated.

11.4 Activating Software options

You can activate additional **Software options** via a **License key**.

You can view the enabled **Software options** on the overview page. **Further information:** "Checking the Software options", Page 98

11.5 Requesting license key

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You can request a license key by using the following procedure:

Creating a license key request

Creating a license key request



- Tap Settings in the main menu
- Tap Service
- Tap Software options ►
- ▶ To request a software option that is available for a fee, tap **Request options**
- To request a free trial option, tap Request trial options
- To select the desired software option, tap its check mark ►



► To deselect an entry, tap the check mark for the respective software option

- Tap Creating a request ►
- ► In the dialog box, select the storage location in which you want to save the license key request
- Enter a suitable file name
- Confirm your input with RET
- Tap Save as
- The license key request is created and saved in the selected > folder
- Contact a HEIDENHAIN service agency and submit the file you created in order to request a license key
- > The license key and the license file are generated and sent by e-mail

11.6 Activating a license key

You can activate a license key by

- Reading the license key from the provided license file into the product
- Entering the license key manually into the product

11.6.1 Uploading license key from license file



- Tap Settings in the main menu
- Tap Service
- Open in succession:Software options
 - Activate options
- Tap Read license file
- Select the license file in the file system, on the USB mass storage device or on the network drive
- ► Confirm your selection with **Select**
- ► Tap **OK**
- > The license key is activated
- ► Tap **OK**
- You may need to restart the product, depending on the software option
- ► Confirm the restart with **OK**

Tap Settings in the main menu

> The activated software option is available

11.6.2 Entering license key manually



- Tap Service
- Open in succession:
 - Software options
 - Activate options
- Enter the license key into the License key input field
- ► Confirm the entry with **RET**
- Tap OK
- > The license key is activated
- ► Tap **OK**
- You may need to restart the product, depending on the software option
- Confirm the restart with **OK**
- > The activated software option is available

11.7 Checking the Software options

On the overview page, you can check which **Software options** are enabled for the product.

▶ Tap **Settings** in the main menu



- Tap Service
- Open in succession:
 - Software options
 - Overview
- > A list of enabled Software options is displayed

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