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ABSTRACT

The use of Nimonic alloys in industry to meet more stringent specifications has resulted in an increasing number of machine tool vibration problems. Production engineers are aware that vibration during machining leads to shorter tool life and poorer surface finish.

Experimental work to investigate the tool wear, surface finish and dynamic characteristics of Nimonic bars has been carried out. The work was comprised of vibration tests, machining tests and analysis of tool point vibration recordings.

Results show that crater wear on the cutting tool is predominant and that surface finish and tool life are affected by a change in workpiece stiffness. Tool point vibrations occur at a frequency well below the natural frequencies of the workpiece and cutting tool.



- A, α_n and B Constants
- A_f Cross-sectional area of specimen at fracture (in²)
- A Original cross-sectional area of specimen (in²)
- D Percentage of elongation of material
- D Percentage reduction in area of material
- E Young's modulus (lbf/in²)
- e Base of natural logarithims
- f Frequency variable (c/sec)
- f_A Frequency at point A on response plot (c/sec)
- f_e Frequency at point B on response plot (c/sec)
- f_n Natural frequency (c/sec)
- I Moment of inertia (in) Joratuwa Sri Lanka
- K Stiffness coefficient (lbf/ft)
- ℓ Length of workpiece (in)
- L_f Gage length of specimen at fracture (in)
- L Initial gage length of specimen (in)
- $M Mass (lbf.sec^2 / ft)$
- MV Milli Volts
- P Force (lbf)
- P. Maximum load (lbf)
- P_v Load at yield point (lbf)
- R Viscons damping coefficient (lbf.sec / ft)
- S Ultimate tensile strength (tonf / in²)
- Syp Yield stress (tonf / in²)

T -	Toughness index number
t -	Time variable
x -	Displacement in x direction (ft)
ж -	Velocity in x direction (ft/sec)
ж -	Acceleration in x direction (ft/sec ²
y -	Displacement in y direction (ft)
ġ -	Velocity in y direction (ft/sec)
ÿ -	Acceleration in y direction (ft/sec ²
§ -	Non-dimensional damping ratio
ω -	Angular frequency (Rad/sec)
ω _n -	Natural angular frequency (Rad/sec)
μ <u></u>	Mass per unit length ($lbf.sec^2/in^2$)
π _	Circular constant

