

# U SERIES

U3 U6 | U3<sub>H.E.A.T.</sub> U6<sub>H.E.A.T.</sub>



Wire Electrical Discharge Machine

# Efficient | Reliable

Always delivering the best performance when you need it.





# Makino U Series

## Wire EDM machines that cut parts while cutting costs!

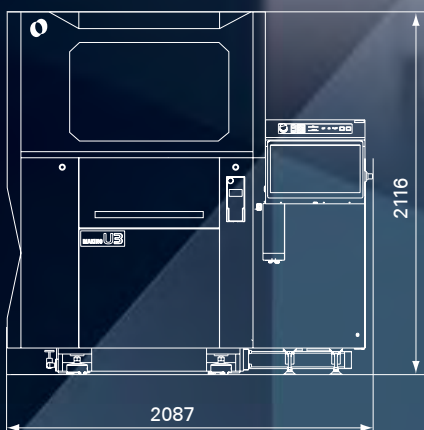
Makino's new U series was designed and built to produce your parts to run continuously with minimal operator intervention. Makino EDM's have been recognized as setting the bar for low operating costs, reduced maintenance as well as the lowest wire consumption in the EDM industry.

Our key technologies such as **H.E.A.T.** (High Energy Applied Technology) and the newly developed **Hyper-Cut** guarantee the fastest machining possible while maintaining accuracy and desired surface finish. Having brought the EDM industry superior mechanical and electrical technologies, Makino EDM debut's the next generation in EDM control's "**Hyper i**". Minimal operator knowledge is required as the Hyper i control has built in features that are intuitive and easy to use.

# U3 U3 H.E.A.T.



Compact design



## U3 / U3 H.E.A.T.

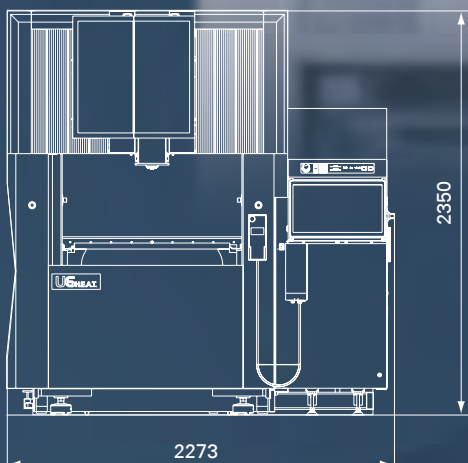
Axis travels (X x Y x Z)	mm	370 x 270 x 220
Axis travels (U x V)	mm	±50 x ±50
Maximum workpiece size (L x W x H)	mm	770 x 590 x 220
Maximum dielectric fluid height	mm	260
Maximum workpiece weight	kg	600
Height to table surface	mm	950
Machine Weight	kg	3400
Wire electrode diameter	mm	0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3

# U6 U6 H.E.A.T.



\*Additional 2nd screen, keyboard and mouse are optional

Compact design



## U6 / U6 H.E.A.T.

Axis travels (X x Y x Z)	mm	650 x 450 x 420
Axis travels (U x V)	mm	±75 x ±75
Maximum workpiece size (L x W x H)	mm	1000 x 800 x 400
Maximum dielectric fluid height	mm	455
Maximum workpiece weight	kg	1500
Height to table surface	mm	1000
Machine Weight	kg	5200 / 5300
Wire electrode diameter	mm	0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3



# Solutions for every Industry

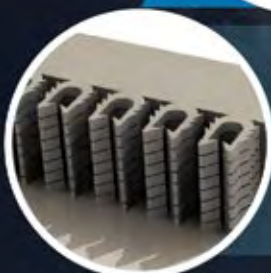
The Makino U Series will provide a Universal approach to a wide range of applications sure to address the most demanding needs of Die/Mold, Job Shop, and Production Machining industries.

Medical Guide Plate



## Medical Surgical Instrument: Guide Plate

- ▶ 420 Stainless Steel, 50mm thick
- ▶ H.E.A.T. improves the productivity of Index & Burn operations
- ▶ Cost efficient manufacturing with (3) parts stack process
- ▶ Rotary table used to machine multiple parts and part details in a single setup



## Medical Implant: Staple Production

- ▶ Titanium Alloy - 6Al4V, 9mm thick
- ▶ Parts Production using dia. 0.100mm Brass Wire and a rotary table
- ▶ Minimal recast layer and without any "Bling" effect
- ▶ Machining time: 5min 30 sec per part (when machining 40 parts)

### Stamping Die Punch

- ▶ Tool Steel, 100mm thick
- ▶ Hyper-Cut Technology achieves a superior surface finish of  $3,5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  ( $0,42\text{ }\mu\text{m Ra}$ ) in just 3 cuts
- ▶ Straightness:  $2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  (one side)



### Stamping Die Punch

- ▶ Carbide (G3), 100mm thick
- ▶ To address all requirements a wide range of machining conditions are available as standard Fine surface finish of  $1\text{ }\mu\text{m Rz}$  ( $0,14\text{ }\mu\text{m Ra}$ ) is achieved in just 5 cuts



### Stamping Die Plate

- ▶ Tool Steel, 20mm thick
- ▶ Makino Pico guides cut small Micro tapers with the highest possible accuracies and ensure successful wire threading into small holes.



### Production of Gear

- ▶ 420 Stainless Steel, 50mm thick
- ▶ H.E.A.T. Technology provide outstanding high-speed machining of  $128\text{ mm}^2/\text{min}$  in the most difficult flushing conditions with nozzles detached from the work piece.
- ▶ Surface finish down to  $4,8\text{ }\mu\text{m Rz}$  ( $0,6\text{ }\mu\text{m Ra}$ ) is achieved in just 3 passes



### Plastic injection cavity for car dashboard

- ▶ Tool Steel, 200mm thick
- ▶ Fast and accurate machining is realized even with work pieces containing complex thickness transitions
- ▶ Eliminate post-process hand polishing



### Power Generation Insert

- ▶ Inconel - high nickel alloy, 150mm thick
- ▶ H.E.A.T. technology provide high speed machining in the most difficult flushing conditions using  $0,3\text{mm}$  wire Hard Brass



### Aerospace Hinge

- ▶ Titanium Alloy - 6Al4V, 120mm thick
- ▶ Wire Type:  $0,300\text{mm}$  Hard Brass
- ▶ Achievable straightness to  $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  in just one pass
- ▶ High Tolerance Metallurgical Integrity and Less Recast Layer



### Medical Surgical Tool

- ▶ Tool Steel ( $2,3\text{mm}$  Dia.)
- ▶ Machine extremely fine details with wire dia.  $0,1\text{mm}$  and Wire EDM Turning at  $800\text{rpm}$





# Hyper-Cut

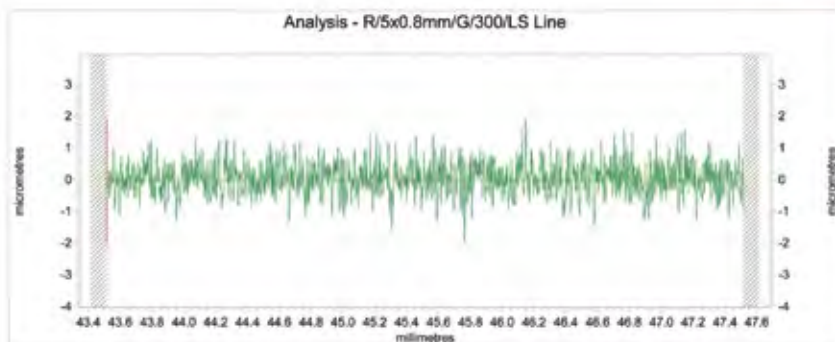
**Hyper-Cut** Technology addresses the demanding need to deliver a superior surface finish while reducing trim cuts.

Hyper-Cut was specifically developed for the precision stamping die building industry.

Competitive results are achieved in a wide range of applications using different wire type, wire size diameters, workpiece thickness and materials.

## 3 $\mu\text{mRz}$ /3 Pass Machining on Steel

Taylor Hobson

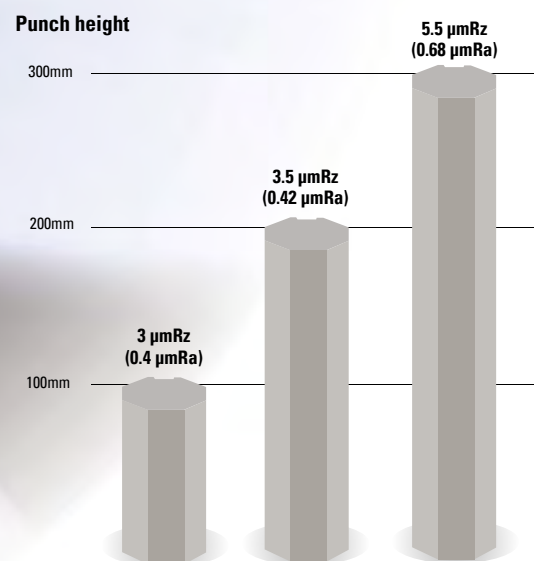


Workpiece Material: Steel (SKD-11)  
Wire Used: 0.25mm dia. Brass Wire  
Material Thickness: 80mm  
Surface Finish: 3  $\mu\text{mRz}$  (0.4  $\mu\text{mRa}$ )

Surface finish down to 2.5  $\mu\text{mRz}$  (0.34  $\mu\text{mRa}$ ) can be realized as well using only 4 Pass Machining (Steel, 80mm Thick).

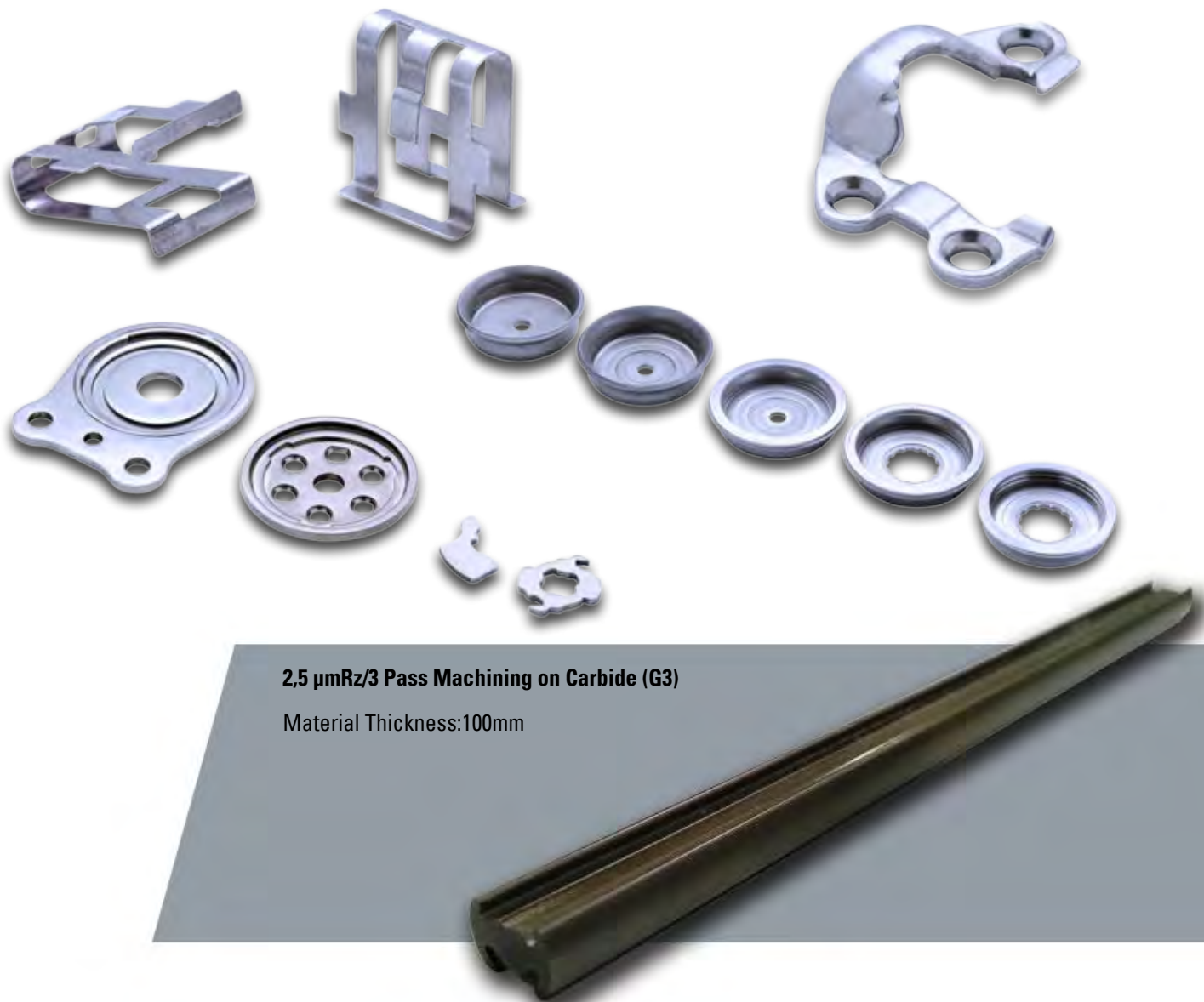


## Superior surface finishing even in the tallest workpiece applications



Surface finishing with just 3 cuts machining: Steel





**2,5  $\mu\text{mRz}$ /3 Pass Machining on Carbide (G3)**

Material Thickness: 100mm

### Cut fast with less wire

Comparison of machining time with surface finish is 3  $\mu\text{mRz}$  (Ra0.4  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Conventional

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

Hyper Cut

1st

2nd

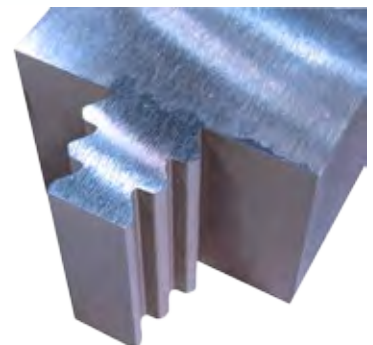
3rd

The elimination of the 4th Skim Cut provides a **20%** Reduction of Cycle Time and an additional **14%** reduction in Wire Consumption.

### Hyper-Cut address the most demanding needs of every Industry

#### Aerospace – Fir Tree

410 Stainless Steel, 38mm thick  
Machining Time: 1 hr 17min  
Surface finish: 3  $\mu\text{mRz}$  (0.4  $\mu\text{mRa}$ )

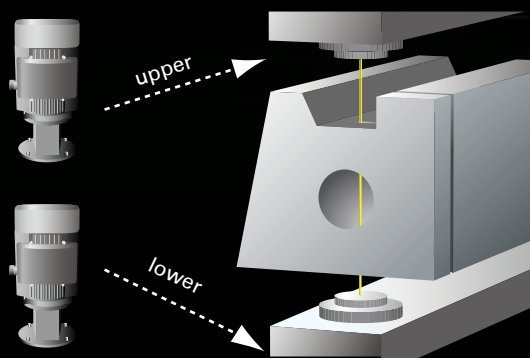


# H.E.A.T.

## High Energy Applied Technology

### Fastest both nozzle away machining in the world

In EDM, the most difficult cuts are when the nozzles are detached from the workpiece. Makino H.E.A.T. Technology uses a combination of flushing enhancements and special generator upgrades that greatly increase cutting speed. As a result, Makino H.E.A.T. Technology delivers a part to the customer with minimal operator intervention, fast, accurate and with superior surface finishes. This combination is unmatched in the EDM industry.

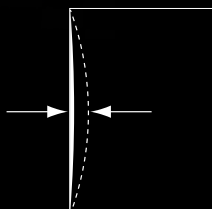


H.E.A.T. Technologies unique flushing capability is a result of our High Capacity Digitally Controlled Dual Flushing pumps.



Workpiece material : S55C (steel)  
Wire used : Dia. 0.25 mm Brass wire  
Plate thickness: 150 mm  
No. of passes: 1  
Machining nozzle position: Top and bottom separated by 8 mm  
Machining length: 353.8 mm

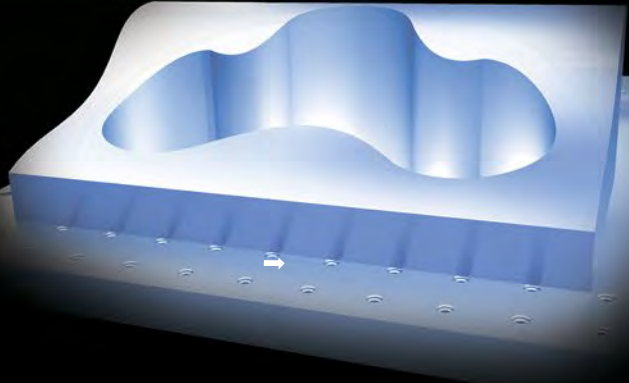
Straightness Improved by **58%**  
12  $\mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$  5  $\mu\text{m}$  on one side



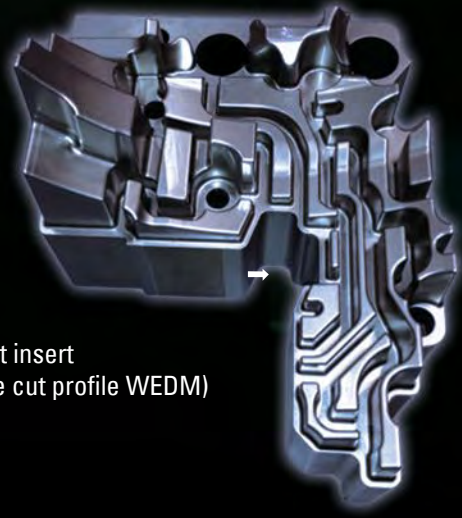
Machining speeds improved by **75%**  
49,50  $\text{mm}^2 / \text{min}$   $\rightarrow$  87,00  $\text{mm}^2 / \text{min}$

Machining time reduced by **43%**  
17 ore 52 min.  $\rightarrow$  10 ore 10 min

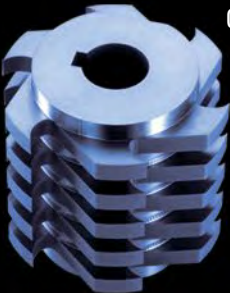





Plastic injection cavity  
for car dashboard



Die cast insert  
(outside cut profile WEDM)



Mechanical  
Component



Medical Instrument

### H.E.A.T. 3pass machining

Surfaces finishes down to  $R_z 5\mu\text{m}$  can be achieved using just three passes using H.E.A.T. Technology.

Workpiece material:	STAVAX (stainless steel)
Wire used:	Dia. 0.25 mm (BS)
Plate thickness:	60–100 mm
No. of machining passes:	3
Machining speed:	1st 1.9–1.3 mm / min 2nd 7.8 mm / min 3rd 8 mm / min
Surface finish:	$R_z 5\mu\text{m}$ ( $R_a 0.68\mu\text{m}$ )





## T.G. Control

**T.G. Control** produces unmatched surface quality that is free from wire gouge lines and dimensional errors caused by uneven or stepped work pieces. The high quality and high precision results, once thought as near impossible to achieve, can eliminate the need for post-process hand polishing.



### Extrusion dies with TG - Control

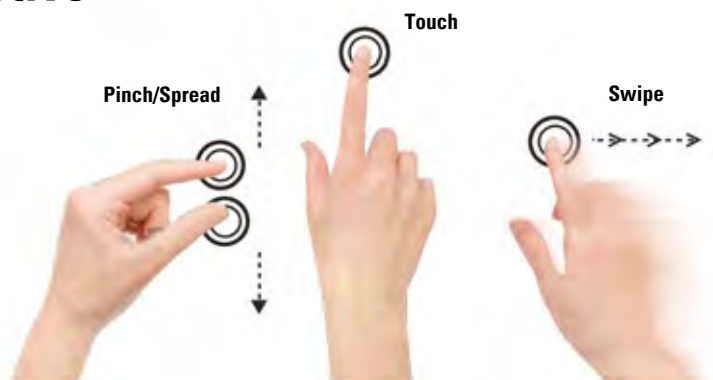




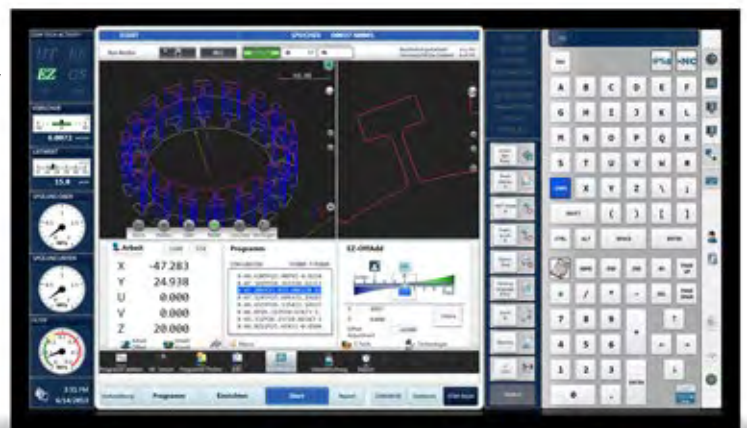
## *i*ntuitive | *i*ntelligent | *i*nteractive

Makino's new **Hyper i** control revolutionizes the interface between the operator and the machine. Using the most current interface technologies used by SmartPhones and Tablets, Makino's Hyper i Control makes use of Pinch, Swipe and Spread functions that provide the operator with a simple and natural feel that is comfortable and extremely efficient. The user friendliness of the Hyper i Control is further enhanced with the integration of on-board digital manuals, intelligent help functions, and e-Learning training system.

Any operator with a basic knowledge of machining can learn Makino's Hyper i Control. Operators quickly learn and appreciate the technology and power that the Hyper i Control provides, and most operators are able to produce sophisticated part details on the first day of installation. Hyper i brings a completely new level of user-friendliness, operator comfort, and efficiency to the shop floor.



**Gesture Control is the natural way to interact with the machine**



High Definition Screen





**E-Tech Doctor** can help you to achieve your perfect cut! E-Tech Doctor is a revolutionary method of adjusting machining conditions to create the desirable result.

**E-Tech Doctor** can make improvements in these 3 areas.

- **Corner Accuracy**
- **Straightness**
- **Flatness of Lead/Entry Point**

Hello, Operator. How can I help you today?

Select your current feature from the pictures on the left. And press [Next] button,

1. Outside Round Corner Overcut

2. Outside Round Corner Undercut

3. Outside Square Corner Overcut

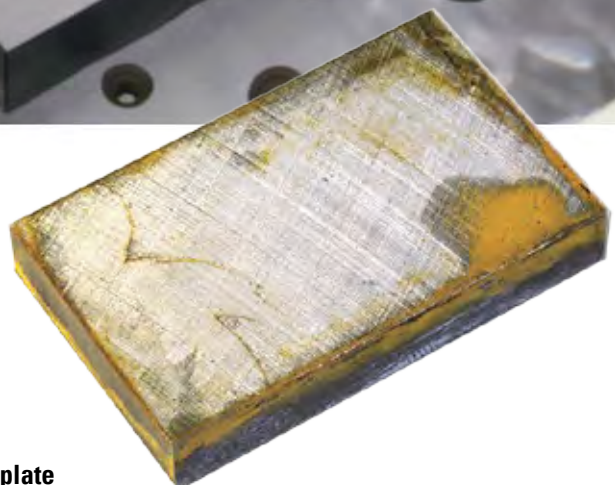
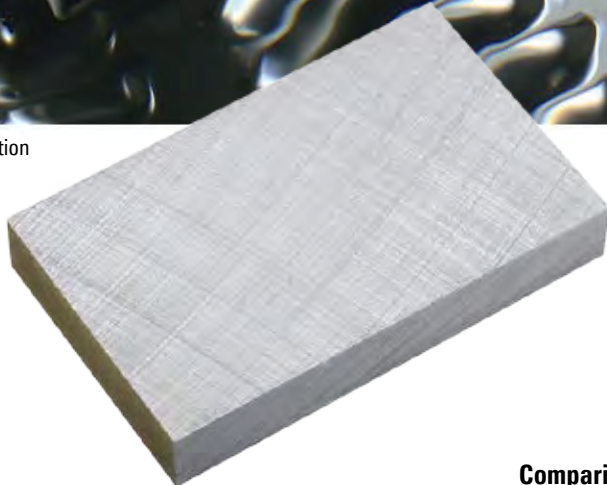
Please choose the number button and press (save)



**ProTech\*** Technology is a proprietary enhancement to the U series that protect the work piece against rust. No need for harmful additives that may effect resin life as well as unpleasant side effects.

Benefits are effective on several kind of materials such as:  
Steel, Carbide and Aluminum

\*Option

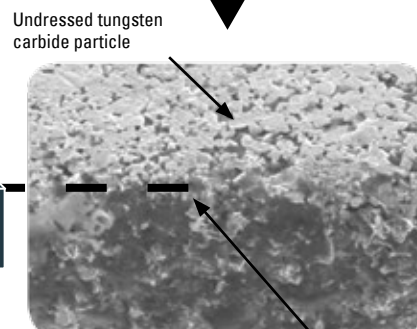
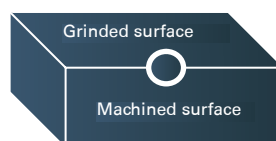
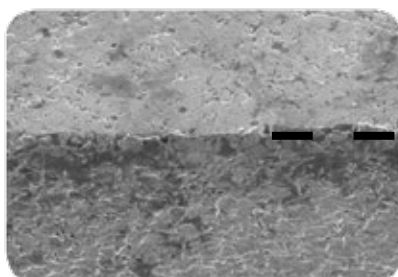


## Comparison of a Steel plate

Condition: parts are submerged for 24 hours  
Water conductivity: 15  $\mu\text{S} / \text{cm}$   
Material: Steel S55C

### With ProTech

### Without ProTech



Undressed tungsten carbide particle

No fine edge

## Comparison of a Tungsten Carbide

Condition: parts are submerged for 24 hours  
Water conductivity: 15  $\mu\text{S} / \text{cm}$



## Low Wire Consumption

Cut Fast, Cut Accurate, and Save Money!

The biggest expense in operating a Wire EDM machine is the consumed wire, and Makino has been the industry leader in low wire consumption technologies. There are no special settings or "part-time" buttons an operator has to enable to save on wire costs; every cutting condition, including sealed and poor flush applications, is automatically optimized and designed from the ground-up on the Makino for low wire consumption. Optimum Machining Performance is the ideal mix of Machining Speed, Part Accuracy, and Wire Consumption for the best combined efficiency, throughput, and cost. Only Makino can provide all 3 for every condition and application!



### Up to 60% savings in wire costs

**Competitor's  
Wire Usage  
136 Spools**



**Makino's  
Wire Usage  
45 spools**



**Amount of 10kg spools needed  
for 2000 machining hours**



# Dual Guide Option



## PICO Precision Guide system

Wire diameter: Dia. 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3 mm

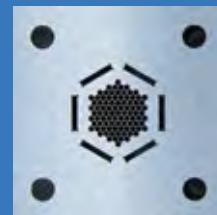
**Pico Precision Guide System** offers an innovative approach to closed round guides with high precision. Our Pico guides are specifically designed to cut Micro tapers with the highest possible accuracies. Initial start holes as low as 0.3mm are automatically threaded without failure. These guides also are able to successfully thread small holes located in very tight pitch locations.



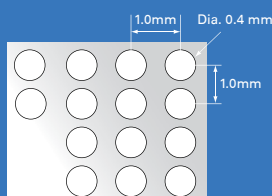
Automatic wire threading through 0.4mm diameter start holes in close proximity at a 1mm pitch.



Start Holes Before Machining

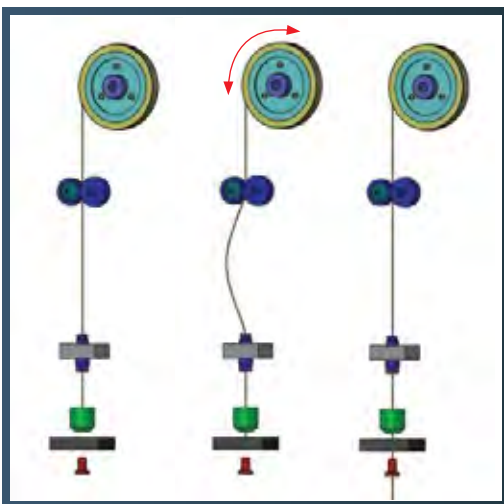


After Machining

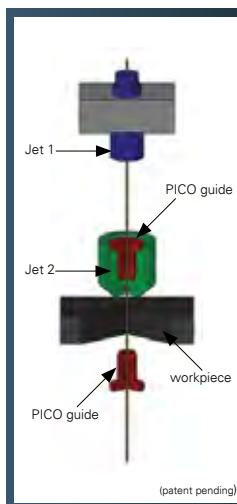


The wire is thread automatically through 0.4mm diameter start holes in close proximity at a 1mm pitch. The optimum fluid jet diameter can be selected to match the workpiece thickness and start hole diameter. Fluid jets are easy to replace and available in diameters of 0.5, 0.7 and 1.2mm

### PECKING FEED SYSTEM



### TWIN JET SYSTEM



## High performance twin-jet automatic wire threading system

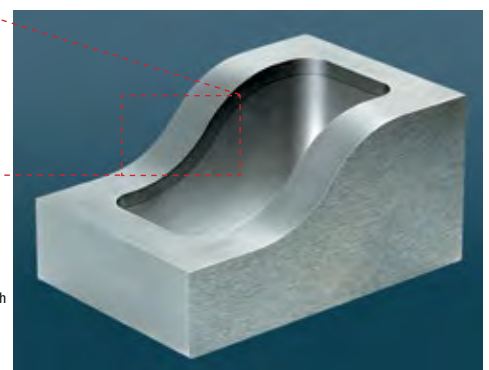
Pico Precision Guides use a unique twin-jet system that can form a small diameter jet to assure pin point accuracy for reliable Automatic Wire Threading. The additional feature of our pecking system add further assurance of successful unattended operation. The design of the Guide Assembly allows quick exchanging of the wire guide diameter without the need to square or vertically align the wire.

## Micro taper machining

The PICO guide system facilitates high-accuracy machining of micro tapers. This new guide system, combined with precise servo control, produces uniform machining along the entire length of the cut detail.



Workpiece Material: S55C (tool steel)  
Wire Used: Dia. 0.2mm Hard Brass  
Process: 3 Pass Machining  
Operation: 4-Axis Machining of Trim Die  
Geometry: 2.0mm Straight Land with 1° Back Taper Relief over 3D Contour





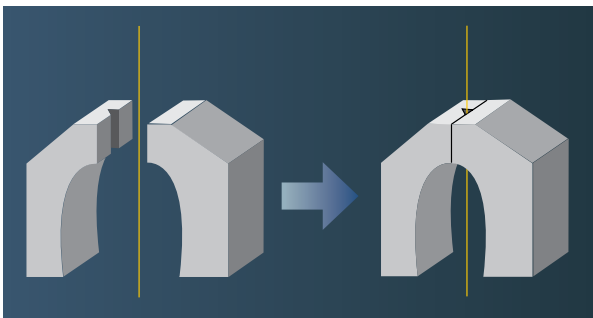
## Split Precision Guide system

Wire diameter: Dia. 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3 mm

**Split Precision Guides** use two separate PCD components mounted to ceramics. The Split Precision guides open during threading cycles, assuring AWT reliability at any height. This low maintenance system also reduces operator intervention, and provides extremely long guide life. Split Precision guides are offered in V-Flat and C-Type configurations. The Split Precision V-guide system is perfect for high production applications, while the Split Precision C-Guides are the best solution for high taper angle machining.



### AWT to 300 or 400mm-thick workpiece



Split Precision guides perform reliable threading cycles in thick work pieces as a result of a larger target area while the guides are open.

Maximum plate thickness  
capable of automatic threading

Machine	Plate Thickness
U3	200mm
U6	400mm

### Common to Split Precision and PICO High Speed AWT to 10 seconds

The optimal threading cycle can be selected according to the process or application, such as hole diameter size, plate thickness, or wire type used. These threading options will increase the reliability and speed cycle of the Auto Wire Threading process, and are vital in supporting the reliable wire threading of special high-speed coated wires.

## Filter change is a breeze

The main di-electric filters are conveniently located in a non-submerged cabinet that allows for fast and simple replacement. To make filter replacement easier and safer, an integrated Filter Air Purge system is used to drain excess water from the filters. Operators will find this feature extremely helpful as it will make handling the filters much less weight intensive, and it also minimizes the water and slip hazards on the floor that are common during filter replacement. 4 Filter System are standard in case of H.E.A.T. configuration.

Air is blown by pressing the button. This blows moisture captured in the filter.



## Maintenance of the Energizing plate

Adequate space is provided to access the lower head, allowing adjustment of the energizing plate even if a workpiece is mounted. Indexing of the energizing plate is accomplished without the need of tools or cumbersome measuring devices. Loosening of the spring-loaded repositioning which is further simplified by a "one click" / one rotation indexing design.

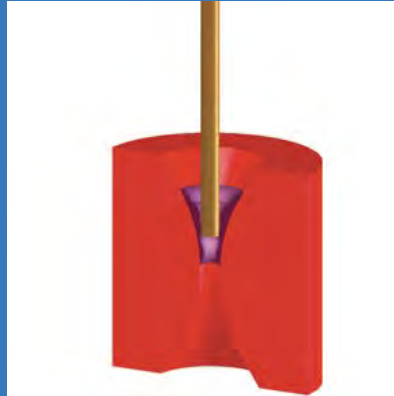




## Guide Cleaning



After sludge Removal



Removal of sludge



As a result of our Pico Guide being a closed round system, sludge can become an issue for maintenance. Makino has developed a special twin jet system that aids in the continuous removal of sludge each and every time a thread occurs. This design extends the guide maintenance interval, and provides greater machine reliability.

Makino's Split Guide system is the ultimate solution in decreased maintenance as a result of the open architecture design. At the touch of a button or wire threading cycle the guides open for ease of maintenance.



## Consumable monitoring by Hyper i

Dedicated Maintenance screens provide the operator with a convenient access to consumable item status, part descriptions and maintenance procedures.

No.	Check Item	Status	Check Day	Next Check Day	Comment
1	Inverting clutch roller (D-shaft)	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	last regl. Sep/2012
2	Adjusting tension of powder clutch	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	
3	Cleaning a die of wire guide unit (upper)	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	
4	Cleaning the upper round guide	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	last regl. Aug/2013
5	Wire vertical alignment	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	1/1-Zum. V-Turn
6	Cleaning inside of clean tank and dirty tank	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	OP-105 in charge
7	Cleaning the float switches & level sensor port	Check	9/2/2013	10/2/2013	
8	User Check 5	Uncheck			
9	User Check 6	Uncheck			

At the bottom of the screen, there are buttons for Preparation, Program, Setup, Run, Record, Maintenance, Option, and EDM Assist.

## Easy Operation



### Load workpiece with crane

Machine head can be moved all the way in without obstructing loading large workpiece by crane



### Accessibility

The automated front Drop Door design allows easy loading / unloading of large work piece's on the table. The drop door also travels below the work table level, allowing for excellent access underneath the work table for maintenance and machine operation purposes. Additionally, operators can use mechanical work holding lifters directly in front of the machine.





### Intermediate Door

A unique door system (only available on the U6 and U6 H.E.A.T.) allows door operation to an intermediate level for convenient viewing and access to the workpiece.

### Portable multifunction control panel

Makino provides “as standard” a multi-function Handbox with digital readout. This advanced and portable hand box offers a wide range of features that provide operators with convenient and time-saving functions during set up and operation of the machine.



### Wire disposal box with wheels

The need for a Wire Chopping Unit is eliminated as a result of Makino’s unique Wire Cleaning and Wire Drying system. The wire coils up neatly and cleanly in the wire collection bin as a result of being completely dry before passing through the pinch rollers, and this design reduces maintenance requirements while boosting machine reliability. The large capacity wire collection bin allows easy removal of spent wire, and is mounted on wheels for effortless movement.





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