

# PERFECT SURFACES WORLDWIDE

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## AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

- Aerospace industry components must withstand extreme environmental influences
  - Combustion temperatures above 1000°C
  - Very high demands on the used surfaces, materials as well as manufacturing and processing methods
- Often only manual or slow processing
  - High costs
  - Fluctuating machining results
  - OTEC machines as a first-class alternative to conventional processes
  - Reproducible, highest quality, short processing time

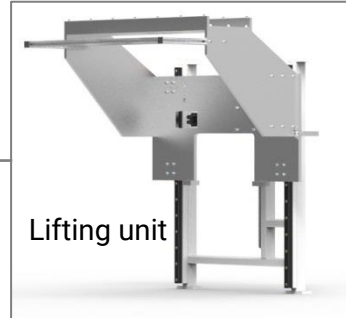
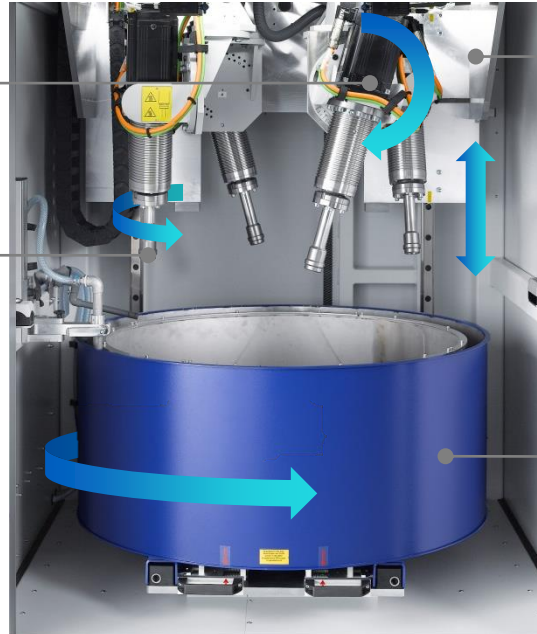


# STREAM FINISHING FOR AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

## Principle

Angular adjustment for work piece holder (immersion angle)

Rotating workpiece holder



Rotating process container filled with abrasive media



# STREAM FINISHING FOR AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

## Properties

- Up to five workpiece holders\*
- Manual or automatic loading and clamping\*
- Manual or automatic angular adjustment of the workpiece holders
- Manual or automatic workpiece loading
- For dry and wet processing
- Easy change of process container
- Easy change between different kind of workpieces



# PROCESSING OF BLADES AND VANES

## Task

- After manufacturing a surface treatment might be necessary since the initial roughness is too high or the edges are too sharp
- This leads usually to the following tasks:
  - Homogeneous smoothing, in general to  $R_a$  0,4 ... 0.06  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Only minimal change to blades' shape
  - Rounding of the leading and trailing edge to a defined radius
  - High output (by clamping several workpieces simultaneously)
  - Maximum blade length ~ 300 mm
  - Blisks diameters up to 500 mm



# PROCESSING OF BLADES AND VANES

## The Finishing Process



Streamfinish SF 4  
Anwendung: Turbinenschaufel  
Application: turbine blade



# PROCESSING OF BLADES AND VANES

What we can do for you

- **Airfoil / Blade Body**

- Surface smoothening: To get a balanced/uniform low surface roughness

- **Leading and Trailing Edge**

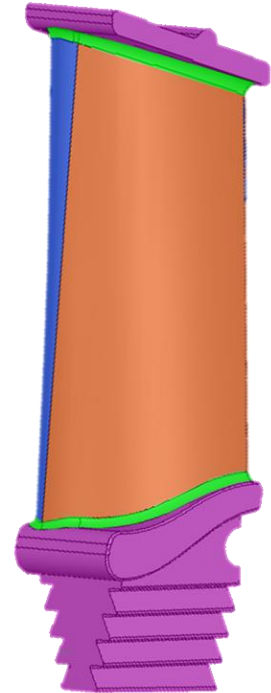
- Edge rounding: Fixing of edge radius when damaged by previous production process (e.g. shotblasting)

- **Junction between Airfoil & Roots/Head (Fillet)**

- Surface smoothening: To get a balanced/uniform transition and low surface roughness

- **Root & Shroud**

- Deburring: To prevent the blade getting stuck in it's holder (hub)

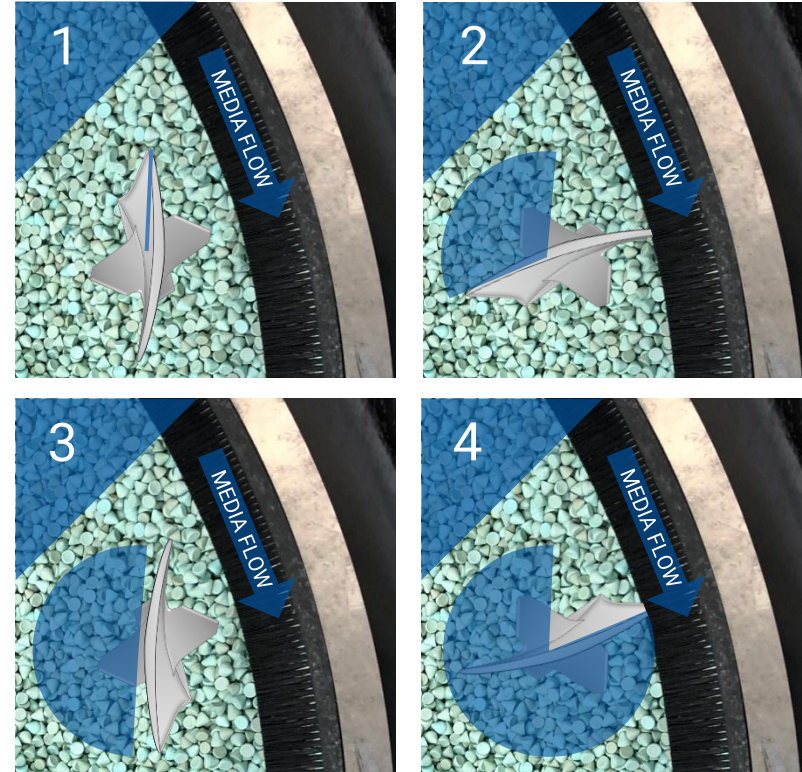




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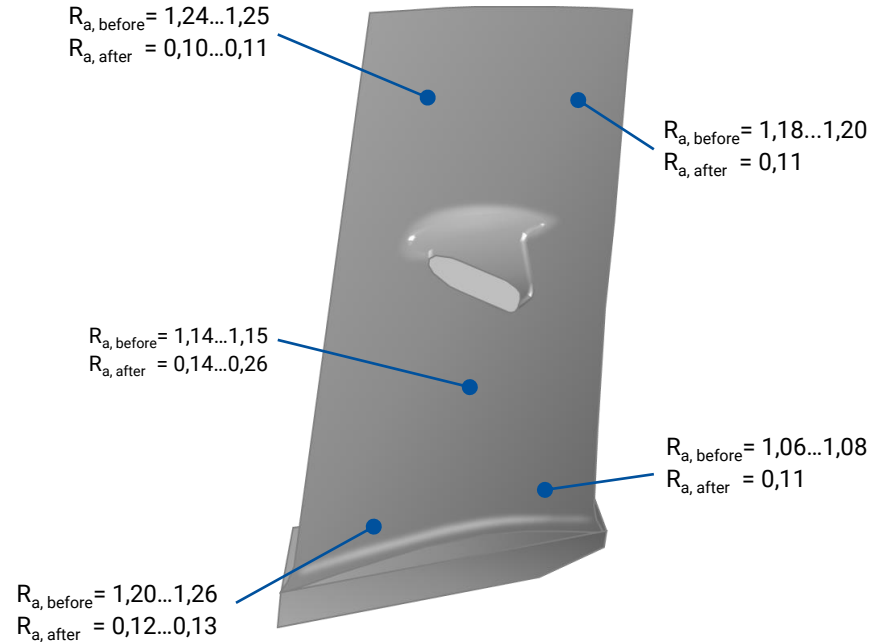
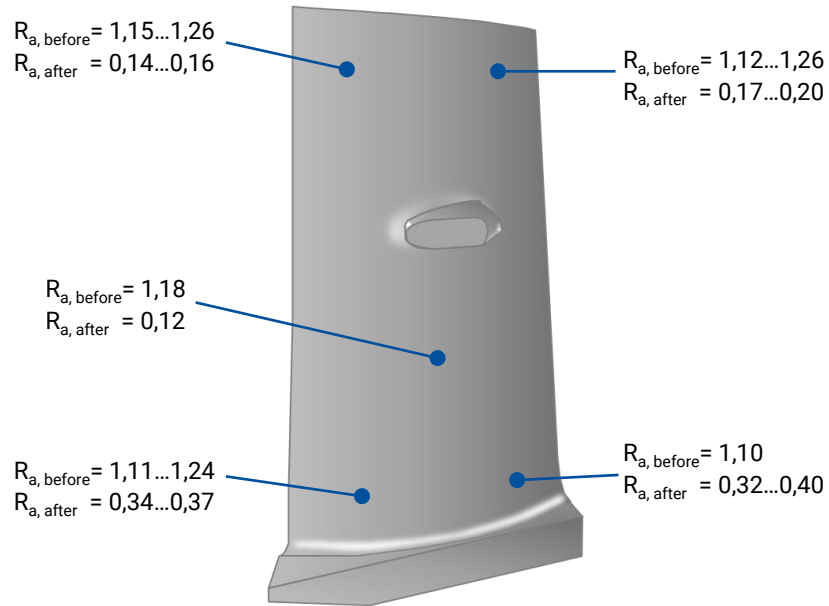
## Example Process

- Our process for a titanium blade:
  - Machine: SF
  - Process time: 9 min / cycle
  - Position:
    1. Angle 1 (5 sec)
    2. Angle 2 (3 sec)
    3. Angle 3 (5 sec)
    4. Angle 4 (3 sec)



# PROCESSING OF BLADES AND VANES

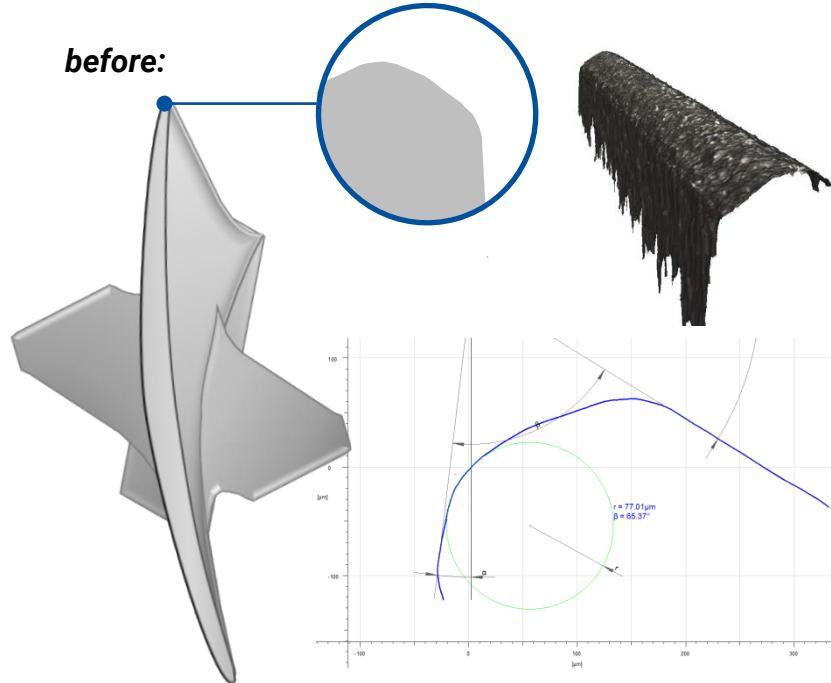
Result: after 9 minutes of processing



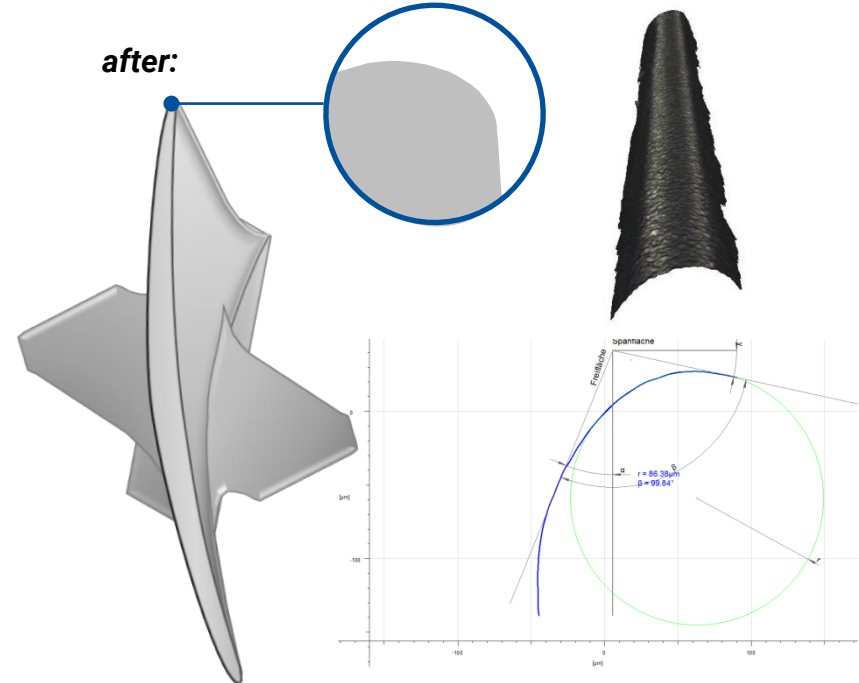
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Result: after 9 minutes of processing

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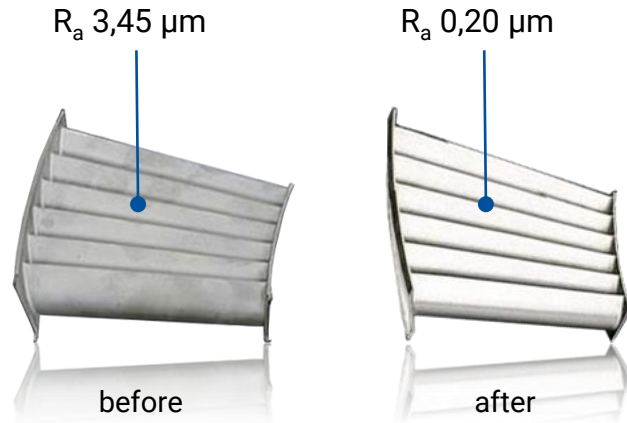


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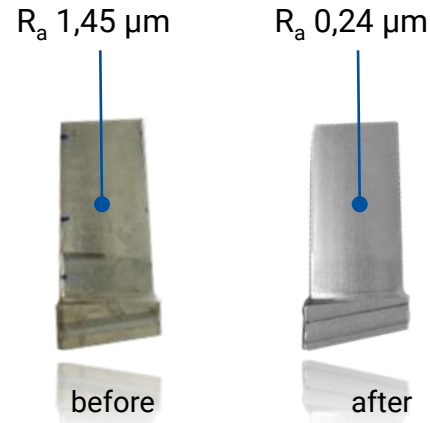


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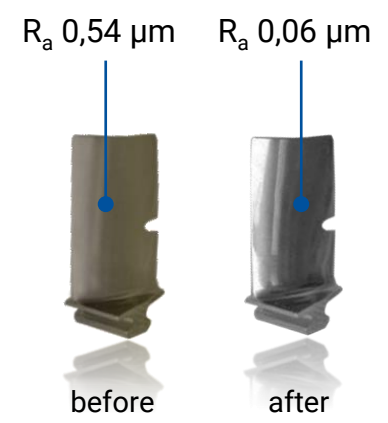
Some examples



process time 100 min / cycle



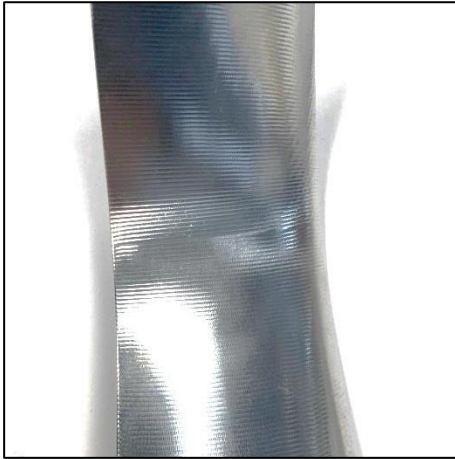
process time 12 min / cycle



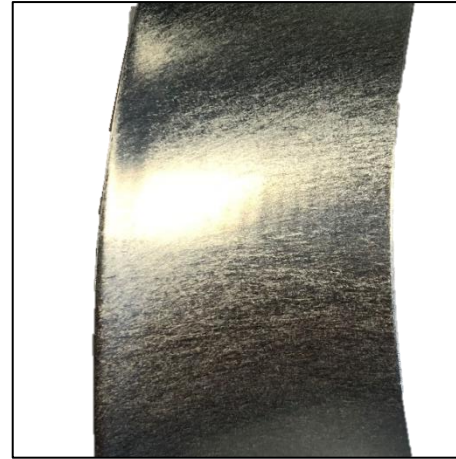
process time 2 min / cycle

## PROCESSING OF BLADES AND VANES

Some examples



Ra 63  $\mu$ inch ( $\sim 1,6\mu\text{m}$ )



Ra 6  $\mu$ inch ( $\sim 0,15\mu\text{m}$ )



## PROCESSING OF BLADES AND VANES

Some examples

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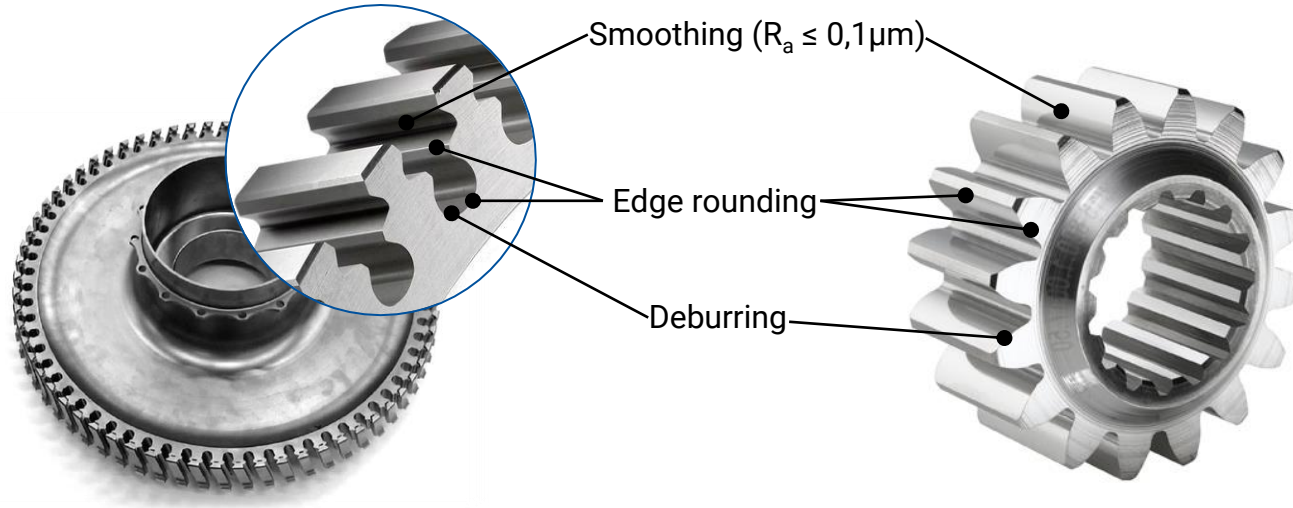
*after:*



process time 12 min / cycle

# PROCESSING OF GEARS AND DISKS

What we can do for you



Disks

Accessory / Transmission Gears

# PROCESSING OF GEARS AND DISKS

## The Finishing Process



Streamfinish SF 4  
Anwendung: Zahnrad  
Application: gear wheel



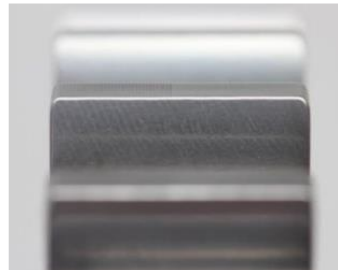
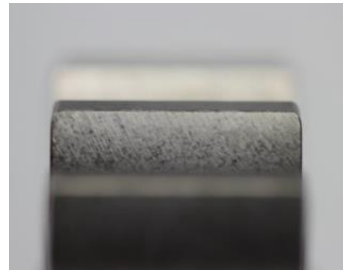
# PROCESSING OF GEARS AND DISKS

Some Examples

*before:*



*after:*



## ADVANTAGES OF STREAM FINISHING

### Blades and Vanes

- Only minimal rounding of tip edges
- No rounding root edges (when blades get fixed by the roots)
- If applicable, fast and reliable deburring / edge break of the roots
- High-quality preparation before coating (when applicable)
- Positive results in tests for residual stress, fatigue strength and fluorescence control
- Increase of the blades' lifetime and efficiency of turbines
- One machine suitable for blades, blade segments , blisks, disks and gears





## ADVANTAGES OF STREAM FINISHING

### Gears and Disks

- Surface adapted for improved lubrication (“lubrication valleys”)
- Little notching effect
- Up to 10% less heat development
- No roughness peaks ( $R_{pk} < 0,1 \mu m$ )
  - Less wear, no running-in necessary, longer oil life
- The coefficient of friction can be reduced by up to 30%
  - Higher efficiency, lower energy consumption
- Uniform edge rounding to defined radii
- Fast & efficient: deburring, edge rounding & smoothing in one step



# ADVANTAGES OF STREAM FINISHING

## In General

- Deburring, rounding, smoothing and super polishing
- High repeatability and reliability: Low fluctuation within the tolerance band
- Low operating costs
- Very short time of processing (2-30 min/per cycle) compared to common industry processes (up to 24 h)
- Low surface roughness (0.06-0.16  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in just a few minutes
- Uniform and minimal material removal
- For handling of process liquids no special, protective wear required
- No scratches or notches on surfaces after processing (parts are fixed and don't contact anything than media)
- Environmental friendly process
- Easy to automate



## FINISHING CENTER

We find your process



- Finishing of sample workpiece with no obligation and costs:
  - Individual customer advice
  - Detailed documentation
  - Finishing concept tailored to your needs
- State of the art measurement technology
- Very experienced and highly qualified staff members
- Process research together with institutes and universities



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**