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- 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



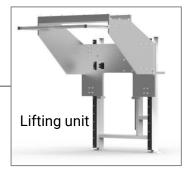
STREAM FINISHING FOR AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Principle

Angular adjustment for work piece holder (immersion angle)

Rotating workpiece holder





Rotating process container filled with abrasive media





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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



PERFECT SURFACES WORLDWIDE *) depending on workpiece presented to



Task

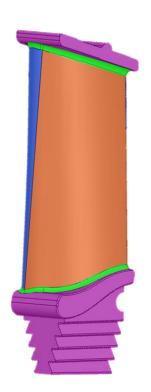
- After manufacturing a surface treatment might be necessary since the initial roughness is too high or the edges are too sharp
- → This leads usually to the following tasks:
 - Homogeneous smoothing, in general to R_a 0,4 ... 0.06 μ m
 - Only minimal change to blades' shape
 - Rounding of the leading 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





What we can do for you

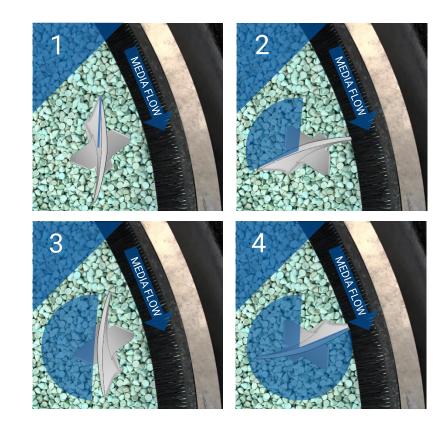
- Airfoil / Blade Body
 - Surface smoothening: To get a balanced/uniform low surface roughness
- Leading and Trailing Edge
 - <u>Edge rounding:</u> Fixing of edge radius when damaged by previous production process (e.g. shotblasting)
- Junction between Airfoil & Roots/Head (Fillet)
 - <u>Surface smoothening:</u> To get a balanced/uniform transition and low surface roughness
- Root & Shroud
 - Deburring: To prevent the blade getting stuck in it's holder (hub)





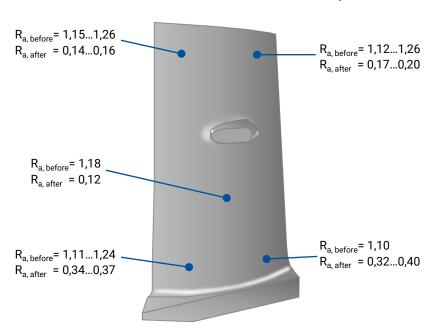
PROCESS (BLADES)Example Process

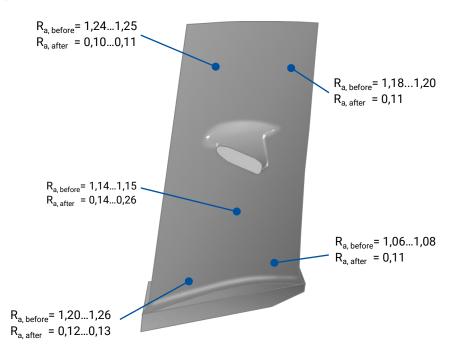
- Our process for a titanium blade:
 - Machine: SF
 - Process time: 9 min / cycle
 - Position:
 - 1. Angle 1 (5 sec)
 - 2. Angle 2 (3 sec)
 - 3. Angle 3 (5 sec)
 - 4. Angle 4 (3 sec)





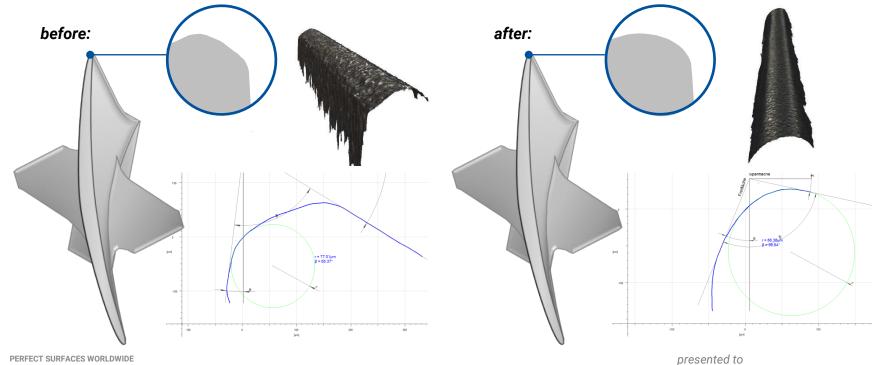
Result: after 9 minutes of processing







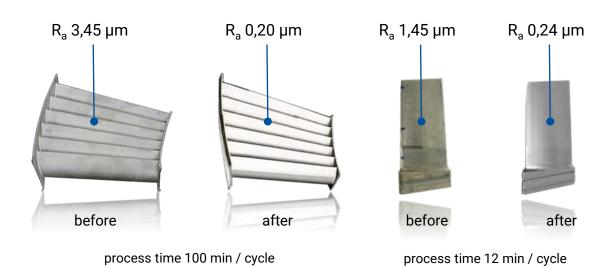
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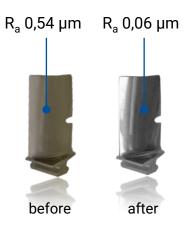


PERFECT SURFACES WORLDWIDE



Some examples





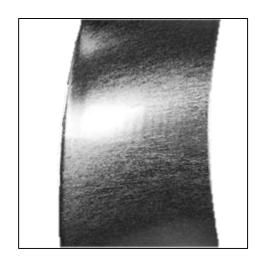
process time 2 min / cycle



Some examples



Ra 63 μinch (~ 1,6μm)



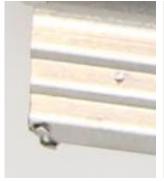
Ra 6 μinch (~0,15μm)





Some examples







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after:

process time 12 min / cycle



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Blades and Vanes

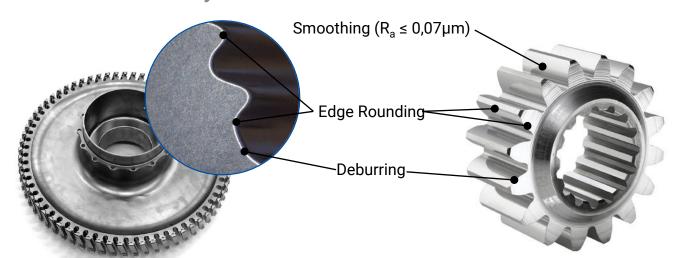
- Only minimal rounding of tip edges
- No rounding root edges (when blades get fixed by the roots)
- If applicable, fast and reliable deburring / edge break of the roots
- High-quality preparation before coating (when applicable)
- Positive results in tests for residual stress, fatigue strength and fluorescence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





PROCESSING OF GEARS AND DISKS

What we can do for you





Disks

Accessory / Transmisson Gears



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The Finishing Process





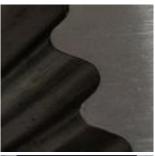
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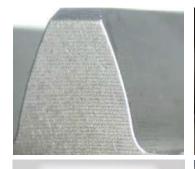
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Gears and Disks

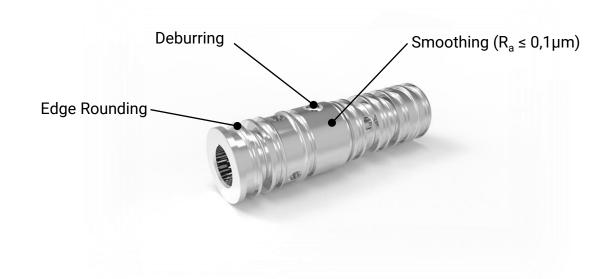
- Surface adapted for improved lubrication ("lubrication valleys")
- Little notching effect
- Up to 10% less heat development
- No roughness peaks (Rpk < 0,1 μm)
 - Less wear, no running-in necessary, longer oil life
- The coefficient of friction can be reduced by up to 30%
 - Higher efficiency, lower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



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LIQUID REGULATING PARTS

Valve Sleeves and Similar Parts

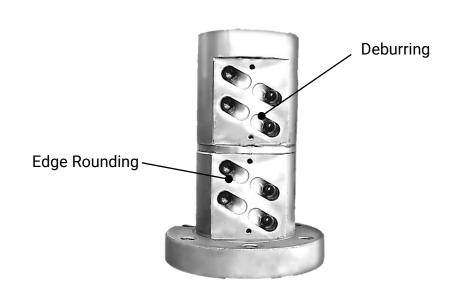




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ACTUATING PARTS

Example: Jack Screw / Ball Screw Nuts





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Some Examples

before:









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 μm) 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 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.