

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE MICRO BORING UNIT



1 POOR SURFACE FINISH

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Cutting edge wear / chipped insert
- Incorrect nose radius for application
- Insufficient rigidity of boring bar
- Incorrect speed or feed
- Tool overhang too long
- Loose clamping of micro boring head components

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



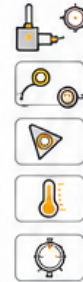
- Replace insert and check seating
- Increase nose radius if application allows
- Reduce overhang to minimum
- Reduce feed per revolution
- Increase speed within safe limits
- Re-tighten boring head clamping screws
- Ensure damping mechanism (if applicable) is functional

2 OVERSIZE BORE / OUT-OF-TOLERANCE

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Boring head setting is incorrect
- Slide movement is loose
- Insert edge radius larger than programmed
- Thermal expansion during long cycles
- Machine spindle runout

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



- Reset boring head using test indicator
- Tighten radial adjustment screw
- Use correct insert geometry
- Allow thermal stabilization before final cuts
- Check spindle runout with a dial gauge (should be < 0.005 mm typically)

3 UNDERSIZE BORE

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Inadequate offset adjustment
- Insert edge or nose radius worn
- Chip packing or built-up edge making tool cut smaller
- Incorrect tool path
- Cutting parameters too low

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



- Adjust boring head outward in small increments (1 division = xx µm depending on head type)
- Replace worn insert
- Increase cutting speed to reduce built-up edge
- Improve chip evacuation

4 CHATTER / VIBRATION MARKS

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Excessive tool overhang
- Poor damping in boring head
- Feed too low
- Spindle speed at natural frequency
- Loose clamping in insert pocket or boring head slides

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



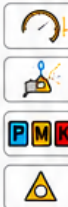
- Reduce overhang as much as possible
- Increase feed slightly to stabilize cut
- Move spindle speed away from chatter zone (±20% change)
- Tighten all screws (insert, clamp, head slide)
- Use coolant to reduce heat and stabilize cut

5 EXCESSIVE INSERT WEAR

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Cutting speed too high
- No coolant / poor coolant direction
- Wrong insert grade or chip breaker
- Hard spots in material

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



- Reduce speed 15–20%
- Ensure coolant jet hits cutting edge
- Change to a harder insert grade
- Use coated inserts for abrasive materials

6 CHIP JAMMING / POOR CHIP EVACUATION

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Insufficient coolant pressure
- Incorrect chip breaker
- Too low feed
- Long, stringy chips from ductile materials

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



- Increase coolant pressure
- Use an insert with positive geometry
- Increase feed to break chips
- Use air blast if applicable

7 TOOL BREAKAGE

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Sudden impact due to interrupted cut
- Excessive feed
- Weak clamping of insert
- Incorrect entry angle
- Hitting bottom of hole



- Reduce feed on interrupted surfaces
- Ensure proper insert clamping
- Use appropriate approach strategy
- Verify tool length vs hole depth

8 BORING HEAD SLIDE NOT MOVING SMOOTHLY

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Contamination (chips, coolant, dirt)
- Tight adjustment screw

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

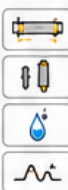


- Clean slide with solvent
- Lubricate the slide mechanism
- Adjust screw moderately
- Replace slide components if wear is excessive

9 INCONSISTENT BORE SIZE OVER LENGTH

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Bar bending due to low rigidity
- Poor alignment of tool in spindle
- Temperature rise during cut
- Step-tool interference
- Incorrect tool assembly



CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- Increase bar stiffness (reduce overhang)
- Check tool alignment and shim if required
- Add coolant to stabilize temperature
- Reduce feed to minimize cutting pressure

10 SPINDLE LOAD TOO HIGH

PROBABLE CAUSES

- Feed too high
- Wrong insert geometry
- Dull cutting edge
- Boring head misaligned or too tight
- Poor chip evacuation

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS



- Reduce feed
- Select a sharper, positive-geometry insert
- Replace insert
- Re-adjust boring head slide friction
- Improve coolant flow and chip removal