

Eyepiece Retainer – Manufacturing Procedure

No lubricant b/c brass

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- 1) Grab a piece of $\phi 1.0$ " OD 360 brass round bar with a length of 1.5"-12". Cut a piece from larger stock on bandsaw if necessary. (9:51)

Tools used: Combination square

Feed rate \rightarrow IPR

Lathe Operations:

Turning Cut \leftarrow Z-axis
Facing Cut \uparrow X-axis

Roughing 0.008"
Finishing 0.003"-0.005"

Mount stock in a 1" collet in a 5C collet chuck on the lathe with 1" stick-out.

- 2) Face one side to clean. (The stock piece may have been used before you, so you may need to remove the remnants of the previous machining operations.) (11:39)

Tools used: 6" rule, HSS turning tool, digital readout

- 3) Spot $\phi .56$ hole. (12:25)

Tools used: #4 HSS center drill, drill chuck

- 4) Drill $\phi .56$ hole .44" deep. (12:52)

Tools used: 9/16" HSS twist drill, drill chuck, morse adapter

- 5) Turn major diameter of 3/4-16 UNF 2A threads .44" from end. (15:37)

Tools used: HSS turning tool, digital readout, 0-1" micrometer

- 6) Cut $\phi .65$ " X .25" wide thread relief groove .2" from end of part. (17:19)

- Visually align right side of part-off tool to end of part using 6" rule as a straight edge, zero digital readout, position right side of tool .2" from end of part, feed tool in X axis until it lightly touches off on major diameter for 3/4-16 threads, set digital readout to actual measured value of major diameter, plunge to $\phi .65$ ", retract tool, move tool to .325" from end of part with carriage handwheel, plunge to $\phi .65$ ", retract tool.

Tools used: 6" rule, part-off blade with carbide insert, digital readout, dial caliper

- 7) Cut .04" X 45° external chamfers on major diameter of 3/4-16 UNF 2A threads. (20:23)

Tools used: HSS chamfering tool, digital readout

- 8) Break inside edge .015" max. (21:20)

Tools used: HSS chamfering tool, digital readout

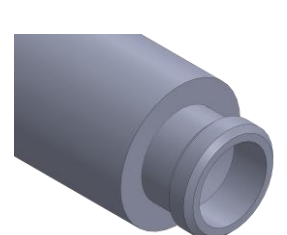
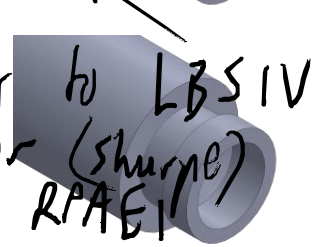
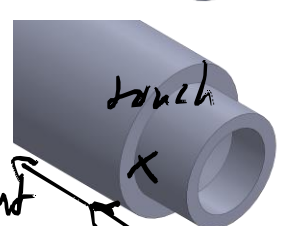
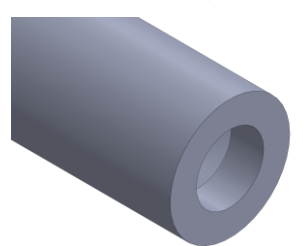
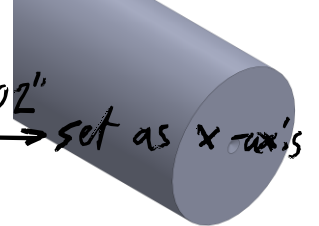
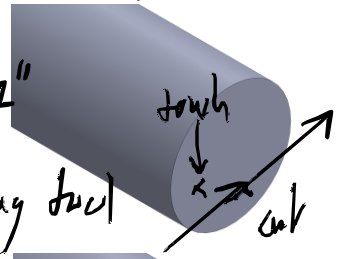
- 9) Cut 3/4-16 UNF 2A threads. (21:38)

Visually align vee form of carbide threading insert to part using center gage, feed tool in X axis until it lightly touches off on major diameter for 3/4-16 threads, set digital readout to actual measured value of major diameter, set quick change gear box on lathe to cut 16 TPI threads, position tool at the start of the threaded section and dial in a cut of .010" on the X axis using the DRO, engage the halfnut at the appropriate position indicated by the leadscrew chasing dial to take a first pass on the threads, stop the tool inside the thread relief groove, double check the lathe is cutting the correct TPI threads using a thread pitch gage, take successive cuts of .010" per pass to a diameter of approx. $\phi .690$ " (.015" over the minor diameter), measure the pitch diameter using a pitch micrometer, make sure tool is in the same X axis position where it took the last pass and enter the measured pitch diameter for the X axis in the DRO, take successive cuts until the measured pitch diameter is between $\phi .703$ "-.708".

Tools used: Threading tool with carbide insert, digital readout, center gage, thread pitch gage, 14-18 TPI pitch micrometer

- 10) Part off at .19" length. (35:03)

Tools used: 6" rule, part-off blade with carbide insert, digital readout



wheel chuck

400

600-1000

714

400

738

320

320

(640)

3/4 nominal

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use auto-feed!

1231

0.718

.688

0.706

725
26

747

Milling Machine Operations:

Install mill vise on table and ensure it is properly aligned to the table travel.
Clamp part in vise on a 1 1/2" parallel with flat surfaces between jaws.

400 11) Cut .063" wide X .031" deep slot. (36:14)

Tools used: $\varnothing 1.5"$ X 1/16" thick slitting saw, 1/2" R8 collet, digital readout

Check quiz for step 9 & 13

2,5 | HSS turning $\frac{4 \times 100}{0.56} = 400$

4 | 9/16 HSS twist drill $\frac{4 \times 100}{0.56} \approx 714$

6 | Carbide parting $\frac{4 \times 120}{0.65} = 738$

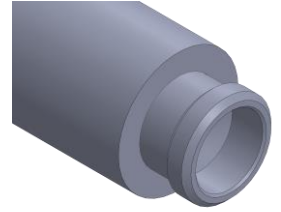
7,8 | HSS chamfering $\frac{4 \times 60}{0.75} = 320$

9 | Carbide threading $\frac{4 \times 120}{0.75} = 640$, but do @ or close to slowest speed

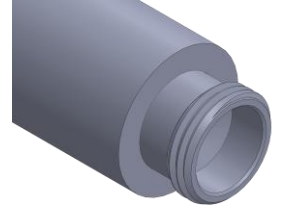
10 | Carbide Parting tool $\frac{4 \times 120}{0.65} \approx 1231$

11 | HSS slitting saw $\frac{4 \times 150}{1.5} = 400$

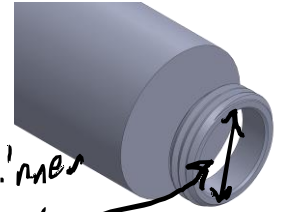
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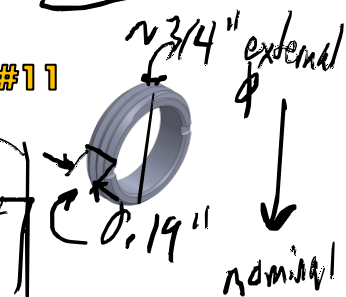
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#10



#11



0.56" $\approx 9/16"$ inner ϕ

Major ϕ 0.739-0.749

Pitch ϕ 0.703-0.708

Minor ϕ (0.674)

reference dimension

important & what we want to cut for w/ threads

Interesting / Learning / Important

↳ How to machine external
screw threads

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.725 \\ 0.021 \\ \hline 0.746 \end{array}$$

Uncertain Tools

Part with blade w/ carbide insert
Threading tool w/ carbide insert

no need for pilot drill

4 Move quill w/ $1/16$ twist drill to 1" mark
Adjust tail stock to part till drill tip connects w/ part
Drill in $7/16$ " (7 graduations) $\rightarrow 7/16 = 0.4375 \approx 0.44$

5 Turn clean $0.01'' - 0.02''$ $\approx 3.5/8$
measure, set x-axis to value
Cut to major ϕ range ($0.739 - 0.749$)
rough cut to $\sim 0.01''$ above $0.749''$
measure again
final cut just to under $0.749''$
measure again, reset x-axis to that value