

VMC Auto Parts Loader Operator's Manual Supplement

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Product: Automatic Pa	rts Loader
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Manufactured By:	Haas Automation, Inc.
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 - EN 614-1:2006+A1:2009
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- ANSI B11.19-2010 Performance Criteria for Safeguarding
- ANSI B11.22-2002 Safety Requirements for Turning Centers and Automatic Numerically Controlled Turning Machines
- ANSI B11.TR3-2000 Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction A Guideline to Estimate, Evaluate, and Reduce Risks Associated with Machine Tools

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This manual is the operation and programming manual that applies to all Haas Mills.

An English language version of this manual is supplied to all customers and is marked "Original Instructions".

For many other areas of the world, there is a translation of this manual marked "Translation of Original Instructions".

This manual contains an unsigned version of the EU required **"Declaration Of Conformity"**. European customers are provided a signed English version of the Declaration of Conformity with Model Name and Serial Number.

Besides this manual, there is a tremendous amount of additional information online at: www.haascnc.com under the Service section.

Both this manual and the translations of this manual are available online for machines up to approximately 15 years old.

The CNC control of your machine also contains all of this manual in many languages and can be found by pressing the **[HELP]** button.

Many machine models come with manual supplement that is also available online.

All machine options also have additional information online.

Maintenance and service information is available online.

The online **"Installation Guide"** contains information and check list for Air & Electrical requirements, Optional Mist Extractor, Shipping Dimensions, weight, Lifting Instructions, foundation and placement, etc.

Guidance on proper coolant and Coolant Maintenance is located in the Operators Manual and Online.

Air and Pneumatic diagrams are located on the inside of the lubrication panel door and CNC control door.

Lubrication, grease, oil and hydraulic fluid types are listed on a decal on the machine's lubrication panel.

How to Use This Manual

To get the maximum benefit of your new Haas machine, read this manual thoroughly and refer to it often. The content of this manual is also available on your machine control under the HELP function.

IMPORTANT: Before you operate the machine, read and understand the Operator's Manual Safety chapter.

Declaration of Warnings

Throughout this manual, important statements are set off from the main text with an icon and an associated signal word: "Danger," "Warning," "Caution," or "Note." The icon and signal word indicate the severity of the condition or situation. Be sure to read these statements and take special care to follow the instructions.

Description	Example
Danger means that there is a condition or situation that will cause death or severe injury if you do not follow the instructions given.	DANGER: No step. Risk of electrocution, bodily injury, or machine damage. Do not climb or stand on this area.
Warning means that there is a condition or situation that will cause moderate injury if you do not follow the instructions given.	WARNING: Never put your hands between the tool changer and the spindle head.
Caution means that minor injury or machine damage could occur if you do not follow the instructions given. You may also have to start a procedure over if you do not follow the instructions in a caution statement.	CAUTION: Power down the machine before you do maintenance tasks.
Note means that the text gives additional information, clarification, or helpful hints.	NOTE: Follow these guidelines if the machine is equipped with the optional extended Z-clearance table.

Text Conventions Used in this Manual

Description	Text Example
Code Block text gives program examples.	G00 G90 G54 X0. Y0.;
A Control Button Reference gives the name of a control key or button that you are to press.	Press [CYCLE START].
A File Path describes a sequence of file system directories.	Service > Documents and Software >
A Mode Reference describes a machine mode.	MDI
A Screen Element describes an object on the machine's display that you interact with.	Select the SYSTEM tab.
System Output describes text that the machine control displays in response to your actions.	PROGRAM END
User Input describes text that you should enter into the machine control.	G04 P1.;
Variable n indicates a range of non-negative integers from 0 to 9.	Dnn represents D00 through D99.

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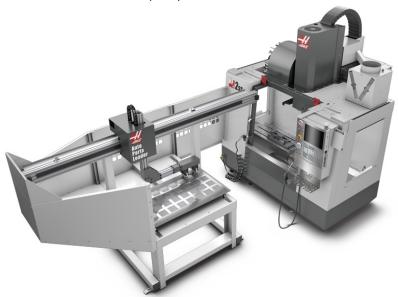
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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 VMC APL Introduction

This manual outlines the unique features and functions of the Automatic Parts Loader. Refer to your Mill Operator's Manual for control operation, programming, and other general mill information.

F1.1: VMC Automatic Parts Loader (APL)



APL installation instructions can be found on www.haascnc.com under the service section.



AUTION: Only authorized and trained personnel may operate this equipment.

You must always act in accordance with the Operator's manual, safety decals, safety procedures and instructions for safe machine operation. Untrained personnel present a hazard to themselves and the machine.

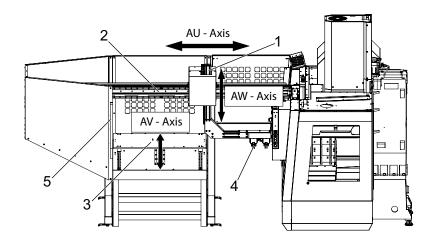


Do not operate this machine until you have read all warnings, cautions,

and instructions.

1.2 VMC APL - Overview

F1.2: VMC APL Overview Diagram.



- 1. AW-Axis [1] this axis moves the ram up and down.
- 2. AU-Axis [2] this axis moves across the ram left to right.
- 3. AV-Axis [3] this axis moves the table front to back.
- 4. Grippers
- 5. Light Curtain Sensor



The APL is equipped with a light curtain sensor, which will stop the APL motion any time it senses the operator moved into the light curtain zone. If a program is running it will not be interrupted by the light curtain. [CYCLE START] will continue APL motion.

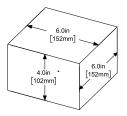
1.3 VMC APL - Specifications

T1.1: APL Specifications

	Inch	Metric
Axis Travels (AU, AV, AW)	115" x 28" x 11"	2921 x 711 x 279mm
Rapids (AU)	2126 in/min	54 m/min
Rapids (AV)	118 in/min	3 m/min
Rapids (AW)	1417 in/min	36 m/min
Maximum Part (Length x Width x Height)	6.0" x 6.0" x 4.0"	152 x 152mm x102mm
Maximum Part Weight Per Gripper	10 lb	4.5 kg
Table Size (Length x Width)	48" x 28"	1219 x 711 mm
Table Load Capacity	1000 lb	454 kg

Part Size Specifications

F1.3: Slug Maximum Part Size



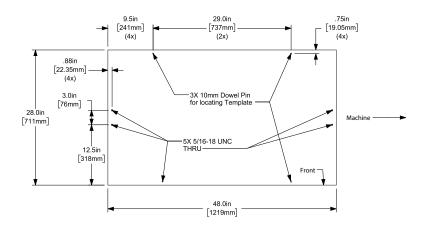
NOTE:

*Maximum height assumes factory included workholding. Using other workholding will change the maximum part height.

T1.2: Slug Maximum Part Size

Specification	
Length (L)	Less than or equal to 6.0 in (152 mm)
Width (W)	Less than or equal to 6.0 in (152 mm)
Height (H)	Less than or equal to 4.0 in (102 mm)
Weight	Less than or equal 10 lbs (4.5 kg) Per Part

F1.4: Custom Slug Templates



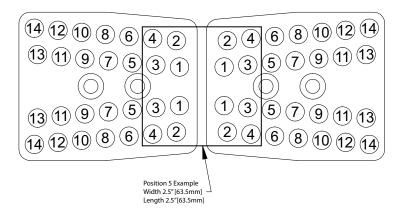


To accommodate the large variation in size and shape of the material that can be loaded into the APL. Use the guidelines and table dimensions provided to make part specific templates.

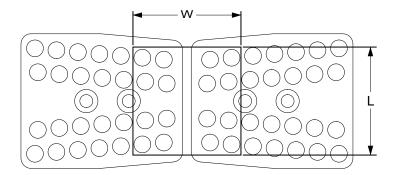
Custom templates can be made by the user with the following requirements:

- 1. Allow adequate space between rows and columns for gripper clearance.
- 2. All rows must have equal spacing.
- 3. All columns must have equal spacing (but can be different than row spacing).

F1.5: Puck Grippers Specifications



F1.6: Puck Grippers Part Layout



T1.3: Puck Grippers Specifications

Position	Min Width Inch/[Metric]	Max Width Inch/[Metric]	Min Length Inch/[Metric]
1	0.438/[11.1]	1.225/[31.1]	0.963/[24.5]
2	0.545/[13.8]	1.332/[33.8]	1.850/[47.0]
3	1.235/[31.4]	2.022/[51.4]	1.032/[26.2]
4	1.342/[34.1]	2.129/[54.1]	1.920/[48.8]
5	2.032/[51.6]	2.819/[71.6]	1.102/[28.0]
6	2.139/[54.3]	2.926/[74.3]	1.990/[50.5]
7	2.829/[71.9]	3.616/[91.8]	1.172/[29.8]
8	2.936/[74.6]	3.723/[94.6]	2.060/[52.3]
9	3.626/[92.1]	4.413/[112.1]	1.241/[31.5]
10	3.733/[94.8]	4.520/[114.8]	2.129/[54.1]
11	4.423/[112.3]	5.210/[132.3]	1.311/[33.3]
12	4.530/[115.1]	5.317/[135.1]	2.199/[55.9]
13	5.220/[132.6]	6.007/[152.6]	1.381/[35.1]
14	5.327/[135.3]	6.114/[155.3]	2.269/[57.6]

Chapter 2: VMC APL Installation

2.1 VMC APL - Installation

The VMC APL installation procedure is located on the website click on the following link: Haas Automatic Parts Loader - VMC - Installation. You can also scan the code below with your mobile device to go directly to the procedure.



Chapter 3: VMC APL Operation

3.1 VMC APL - Settings

The following settings affect how the APL operates.

3.1.1 372 - Parts Loader Type

This setting turns on the Automatic Parts Loader (APL) in **[CURRENT COMMANDS]** under the Devices tab. Use this page to set up the APL.



If you turn this setting **[OFF]**, the AW - axis will drop if not supported or disconnected. Do one of the following:

- Jog to a safe location
- Unplug all APL cables BERFORE releasing E-STOP
- Unplug AW brake BEFORE releasing E-STOP

3.1.2 375 - APL Gripper Type

This setting chooses the type of gripper attached to the Automatic Parts Loader (APL).

Choose Dual Gripper.

APL Gripper has the functionality of gripping raw and finished parts on an outer diameter or inner diameter, in addition to being able to swap between them.

3.1.3 376 - Light Curtain Enable

This setting enables the Light Curtain. When the Light Curtain is enabled, it will prevent APL motion if it detects something in an area too close to the APL axes.

If the light curtain beam is obstructed the machine will go into a Light Curtain Hold condition; the CNC program will continue to run and the machine's spindle and axes will continue to move but the AU, AV and AW axes will not move. The machine will remain in Light Curtain Hold until the light curtain beam is unobstructed and the Cycle Start button is pressed.

F3.1: Light curtain Icon Display



When the light curtain beam is obstructed the machine will go into a Light Curtain Hold condition and the Light Curtain icon will appear on the screen. The icon will disappear when the beam is no longer obstructed.



You can operate the machine in standalone mode with the light curtain disabled. But the light curtain must be enabled in order to run the APL.

3.1.4 385 - Vise 1 Retract Position

This is the distance from the zero position that the vise is considered to be retracted (unclamp).

F3.2: Haas Vise 1 Retract Position

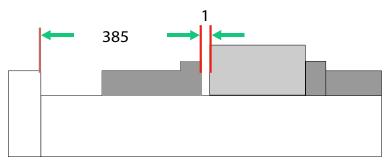


This setting can be found in the User Position tab under Electric Vise group.

Use the handle jog to set this position, then use the Devices tab to actuate the vise and test.

3.1.5 386 - Vise 1 Part Hold Advance Distance

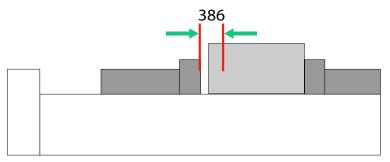
F3.3: Haas Vise 1 Part Hold Advance Distance - Measure Distance Between Vise Jaw and Part



This setting is used to detect the presence of a part in the vise when M70 is commanded. To set this setting measure the distance[1] between the vise jaw and part when the vise is at its retract position Setting 385.

The value for Setting 386 is the distance[1] measured plus a minimum of 0.25 in (6.35mm). Manually enter this value.

F3.4: Haas Vise 1 Part Hold Advance Distance





The value for this setting needs to be a positive number and larger than setting 385 - Vise 1 Retract Position, if not alarm 21.9406 ELECTRIC VISE OUT OF RETRACTED ZONE will be generated when ${\tt M70}$ is commanded. To clear this alarm you need to manually jog the vise back to the retracted position.

The vise clamp force can be set by changing the value of setting 387 - Vise 1 Clamped Part Holding Force.



Alarm 21.9406 ELECTRIC VISE OUT OF RETRACTED ZONE is only generated if setting 404 - Check Vise 1 Hold Parts is set to ON. When setting 404 - Check Vise 1 Hold Parts is set to OFF alarm 21.9402 Electric Vise Timeout will be generated.

This setting can be found in the User Position tab under the Electric Vise group.

3.1.6 387 - Vise 1 Clamped Part Holding Force

This setting defines how strong the clamp force is on the Haas Vise 1, when M70 is commanded. The options are Low, Medium, and High.

3.1.7 388 - Workholding 1

This setting enables the HAAS Vise 1, or a Custom clamping device.



The Haas Vise 1, Custom, or None will work with APL sequences.

- If Haas Vise 1 is chosen then Haas E-Vise will clamp and unclamp as part of the APL sequence.
- If Custom is chosen, Output 176 will toggle as part of the APL sequence. This requires the Haas Programmable Air Option to actuate the vise.
- If None is chosen, there will be no allowance for workholding in the APL sequence.
 Instead the user should program the workholding entirely within their G-code program.

After you enable the Haas Vise you want to set the 385 Retract and 386 Part hold position settings. These settings are in the User Positions tab under settings.

If you select Custom when ${\tt M70}$ or ${\tt M71}$ is commanded the control will turn On/Off output 176. You can define the custom vise clamp/unclamp durations with settings 401 Custom Vise Clamping Time and 402 Custom Vise Unclamping Time.

3.1.8 389 - Vise 1 Clamp Device Check For Part Holding at Cycle Start

When this setting is set to ON the user is not allowed to press **[CYCLE START]** with the Haas Vise 1 unclamped.

3.2 VMC APL Workholding

Starting in software version 100.19.000.1300 an electric vise feature was implemented to support the APL system but can also be used as a stand-alone product. This feature also allows third party clamping devices to be actuated. Refer to setting "376 - Light Curtain Enable" on page 11 for more information.

M70 M-code is used to clamp and M71 to unclamp the electric vise. These M-codes are also used to toggle the state of output 176 when setting 388 Workholding 1 is set to Custom.

The Haas E-Vise has a DC motor controlled with an encoder, when enabled the Haas Vise will be displayed on the position page as V1.

The Haas Vise can be jogged using the handle jog or the RJH.

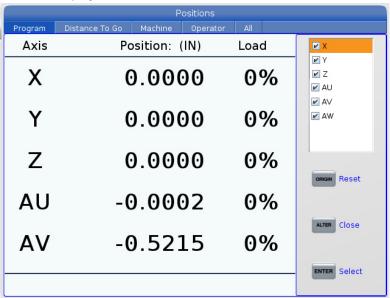
The Haas Vise will remain clamped while the machine is powered off. After powering the machine on, the vise will remain clamped during a zero return or **[POWER UP]** command. The vise will only respond to an unclamp command. At that time, it will zero return and then go to the unclamped position.

The control will allow you to set a retract position and part hold position when using the Haas Vise. Refer to settings "385 - Vise 1 Retract Position" on page 5 and "386 - Vise 1 Part Hold Advance Distance" on page 5 for more information.

3.3 Jog the APL

To jog the APL axes you need to make them visible in the Position screen.

F3.5: Axes Position Display



- 1. Press [POSITION].
- 2. Press [ALTER].
- 3. Select the AU, AW and AV [1] axis.
- 4. Press [ALTER] to close the pop up window.
- 5. To jog an APL axis. Press [AU], [AW] or [AV] and then [HANDLE JOG].

3.4 APL Setup

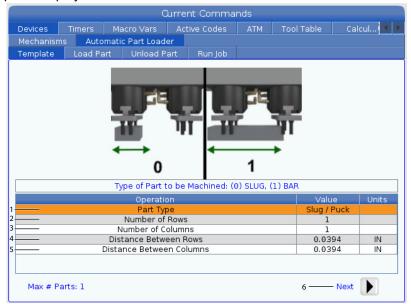
The following sections will help you set up the APL.

3.4.1 VMC APL - Template

The Template page allows to setup the grid patter and part information to run the APL.

Press [CURRENT COMMANDS], Devices, arrow down to Automatic Part Loader and navigate Template.

F3.6: Template Display



- 1. Part Type Enter 0 for a Slug/Puck or 1 for a Bar.
- 2. Number of Rows- Enter the number of rows you want to use on the table.
- 3. Numbers of Columns Enter the number of columns you want to use on the table.
- 4. Distance Between Rows Enter the incremental distance between the rows.
- Distance Between Columns- Enter the incremental distance between the columns.
- 6. Press the [RIGHT] arrow to go to the next page.

3.4.2 VMC APL - Load Part

The Load Part page allows to setup APL Ram pick up and load position.

Press [CURRENT COMMANDS], Devices, arrow down to Automatic Part Loader and navigate to Load Part.

F3.7: Load Part Display



- 1. Gripper 1 Clamp Type Enter 0 for OD or 1 for ID clamping.
- 2. **Gripper 1 Clamp Delay** Enter the number of seconds to delay after the jaws have been commanded to move.

For the next operations the following commands are available:

- Press [TURRET FWD] or [TURRET REV] to index the tool changer.
- Press [INSERT] to move to above table.
- Press [F2] to set the reference position.
- Press [F3] to clamp/unclamp gripper #1.
- Press [F4] to rotate the gripper arm.
- 3. Initial Pickup Location This field is used to set the initial pickup location, follow the on screen instructions to set the values.
- 4. Ready Location This field is used to set the position of grippers, follow the on screen instructions to set the values. This location is dependent on the machine and the part. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.

- 5. **Internal Axes Location for Load** This field is used to set the Table Axes to a safe location for the APL to load the part. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.
- 6. **Vise Load Location** This field is used to set the APL position to load the part into the vise. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.
- 7. Alignment This field is used to set the gripper location to clear the clamped part. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.

3.4.3 VMC APL - Unload Part

The Unload Part page allows to setup APL Ram pick up and drop position.

Press [CURRENT COMMANDS], Devices, arrow down to Automatic Part Loader and navigate to Unload Part.

F3.8: Unload Part Display



- 1. Gripper 2 Clamp Type Enter 0 for OD or 1 for ID clamping.
- 2. **Gripper 2 Clamp Delay** Enter the number of seconds to delay after the jaws have been commanded to move.

For the next operations the following commands are available:

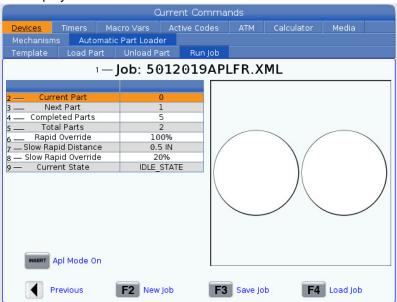
- Press [TURRET FWD] or [TURRET REV] to index the tool changer.
- Press [INSERT] to move to above table.
- Press [F2] to set the reference position.
- Press [F3] to clamp/unclamp gripper #1.
- Press [F4] to rotate the gripper arm.

- 3. **Gripper Rotate Delay -** Enter the number the seconds to delay after commanding the gripper to rotate.
- 4. Internal Axes Location for Unload This field is used to set the Mill Table Axes to a safe location for the APL to unload the part. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.
- 5. **Vise Pick Up Location** This field is used to set the APL position to unload the part from the vise. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.
- 6. Alignment This field is used to set the gripper location to clear the workholding. Follow the on screen instructions to set the values.
- 7. Table Drop Off Location This field is used to set the initial drop off location, follow the on screen instructions to set the values.

3.4.4 VMC APL - APL Mode - Save/Load/ New Job

The Run Job tab allows you to load/run and save a job. It also shows the current APL mode status.

F3.9: Run Job Display



1. This tab shows the current job that the APL is running.



The Job file name will turn red if the job is not saved.

How to Save the current Job Once you have completed filling in the values on the Template, Load Bar and Load Part tabs.

- Type in the desired job name on the input bar.
- Press **[F3]**. Select the location where you want to save the file.
- Press **[ENTER]** to save the file.



The job file is a XML file.

How to Load a Job To load a previous job:

- Press [F4] to load a job.
- Find and highlight the job XML file you wish to load.
- Press [ENTER] to load the file.

How to Start a New Job To start a new job:

- Press [F2].
- A popup window will show "Are you sure you want to clear?
- Press [Y].

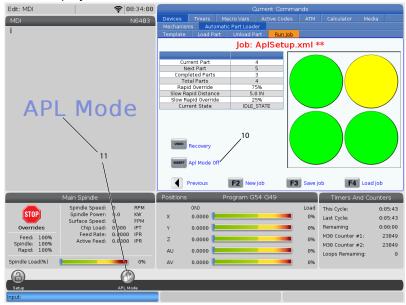


This will reset the values in the Template, Load Part, Unload Part etc. back to factory values.

- 2. Current Part- This field can be updated so that the sequence will start at this point.
- 3. Next Part - This counter shows the next part.
- 4. Completed Parts - This counter shows the amount of completed parts. This field can be reset with [ORIGIN].
- 5. Total Parts - This field can be changed. The sequence will run until total parts = completed parts. This would allow of running of a partial table.
- 6. Rapid Override - This shows the current rapid override status.
- 7. Slow Rapid Distance - When the APL is this distance from picking up or dropping off a part (either from table or spindle) the speed will drop to the Slow Rapid Override setting.

- 8. **Slow Rapid Override** When the APL is the Slow rapid distance from picking up or dropping off a part (either from table or spindle) the speed will drop to this setting.
- Current State This shows the APL current state.
 APL Mode

F3.10: APL Mode Display



10. Press [INSERT] to turn ON/OFF the APL Mode. When the machine is in APL Mode the control will load the next part when the machine executes an M299 code. Refer to "M299 APL / Part Load / or Program End" on page 5for more information.

Refer to M299 APL / Part Load / or Program End for more information.

11. The APL Mode overlay and APL Mode icon appear on the screen when the machine is in APL mode.



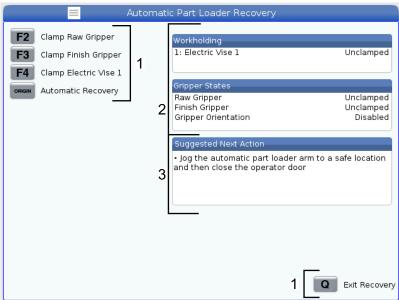
APL Mode is canceled when the power is cycled, you will need to turn it back on if you need to use it.

3.5 VMC APL - Recovery

If the Automatic Part Loader cycles get interrupted you must enter **[RECOVER]** mode to correct or complete the cycle.

Press the **[RECOVER]**, the recovery page will display the Chuck, Gripper, status.

F3.11: Automatic Part Loader Recovery Display: APL Functions [1], APL status [2], Message Box [3].



[F2] Clamp Raw Gripper. This will clamp the raw gripper.

[F3] Clamp Finish Gripper. This will clamp the finish gripper.

[F4] Clamp/Unclamp E-Vise. This will clamp/unclamp the E-Vise.

[ORIGIN] Automatic Recovery. This will attempt to recover the APL automatically.

[Q] Exit Recovery. This will exit the APL recovery display.

Chapter 4: VMC APL Programming

4.1 M299 APL / Part Load / or Program End

During APL mode, use a M299 instead of an M30 at to have the APL load parts automatically. Refer to the APL set up section.

When not running in APL mode the M299 takes the place of an M30 or M99 at the end of a program.

Also when running in Memory or MDI mode, pressing **[CYCLE START]** to run the program, the M299 will behave the same as an M30. It will stop and rewind the program back to the beginning.

F4.1: APL Mode screen

To run in APL mode, Press [CURRENT COMMANDS], navigate to Devices, arrow to Automatic Parts Loader and navigate to Job Run tab.

Press INSERT to put run a program in APL Mode.

The following is a example of a program using the M299 code:

```
%o00010 (APL LOAD UNLOAD)
G00 G53 X0 Y0 Z0
T101
G54
G00 Z1.5
ΧО.
G01 Z-0.5 F50.
G04 P1.
M71
M70
G04 P1.
M71
M70
G04 P1.
G00 Z1.5
G00 G53 X0. Y0.
G00 G53 Z0
M299 (PART SWAP)
```

4.2 APL Stop/Resume Feature

This feature lets you stop (interrupt) a running part program during an Automatic Part Loading cycle (APL Mode) and then resume normal operation from any part in the program. The APL will not lose part count and it will continue the part load and unload cycle.



- 1. The part program must be stopped with any program stop command (M00,M01,M02,M30).
- 2. The APL must reach the "At Ready" position before hitting reset.
- 3. Do not take the control out of "APL Mode".

After resetting the control an operator may switch to MDI mode, EDIT mode, JOG Mode to do any changes or part inspections as needed. All operation is normal at this point.

When the operator is ready to resume Part Machining in APL Mode. Press **[MEMORY]** and then put the cursor on the Tool Callout (e.g. T0505) where you want the program to start from. DO not start in the middle of the program since this may cause unintended motion.

With the control still in APL Mode press **[CYCLE START]** and resume part machining and APL operation.

Chapter 5: VMC APL Maintenance

5.1 VMC APL - Maintenance

Keep your APL running at peak performance while avoiding unplanned downtime. A maintenance program allows you to manage your schedule rather than getting caught with untimely surprises. This page shows the recommended maintenance intervals.

Maintenance Item	Interval
Grease the AW axes rollers.	Six Months

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