



## Lesson Plan

**Course:** CNC Machining Course

**Instructor:**

**Lesson Title:** Introduction to Manual Mill Theory & Process

**Date:**

**Time Needed for Lesson:** 2 hours

### Objectives:

- - Understand the role of the manual mill in precision machining.
- - Identify major mill components and their functions.
- - Learn fundamental manual milling operations: facing, slotting, drilling, and pocketing.
- - Recognize the importance of precision flat and angular surfaces in manufacturing.
- - Observe a live demonstration of manual mill operations.

### Materials Needed:

- - Manual Knee Mill (Bridgeport or similar)
- - Safety Glasses and Face Shields
- - Sample Block Workpieces
- - Cutting Tools (e.g., End Mills, Center Drills)
- - Whiteboard and Markers
- - Projector or TV for Video Presentation

### Hook/Lesson Opener:

Begin with a discussion:

- - What parts in the world around us require precise flat or angled surfaces?
- - Why is the manual mill sometimes called "the backbone" of machine shops?

Encourage students to share examples and experiences.

### Presentation:

Video Presentation:

\* " Ultimate Machinist Toolbox Essential Tools for Day 1" by CamInstructor

Link: [The https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DoPplcA69Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DoPplcA69Q)Ultimate Machinist Toolbox:  
[Essential Tools for Day 1 on the Job](#)

\* "Manual Milling Basics" by Suburban Tool

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tADe1JfPmvI>

Instructor Demonstration:

- - Walkthrough of manual mill components: spindle, quill, table, saddle, knee, column, X/Y/Z handwheels.
- - Explanation of basic milling operations: facing, slotting, drilling, and boring.
- - Safety protocols specific to milling (chip control, tool tightening, hand positioning).

### Exercise:

Mill Components Identification:

Students will match mill components to their functions.

Component	Function Letter
Spindle	
Quill	
Table	
Saddle	
Knee	

Functions:

1. A. Vertical movement for drilling operations
2. B. Rotates the cutting tool
3. C. Moves the workpiece left and right
4. D. Supports the table and allows front/back movement
5. E. Supports saddle and provides vertical motion

### Recap & Connector to Next Lesson:

- - Review key learnings through whiteboard quiz.
- - Discuss why flatness and perpendicularity matter.
- - Introduce next lesson: "Manual Mill Setup & Hands-On Milling Operations."

### Assignment:

- Watch: "Basic Manual Milling Techniques"

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldV8vGdSfdc>

- Write a 1-paragraph reflection: "Why mastering manual milling is still important in a CNC world."

### Assessments:

- - Participation in discussions and component identification exercise.
- - Completion and quality of the video reflection assignment.

