



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

* "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.

