

Speeds and Feeds



- 1) Select your material in the ISO colored chart with respect to material description.
- 2) Start with a middle/average value for cutting speed, V_c (ft/min) and feed, f_n (in/rev). Adjust the cutting speed and/or feed based on your cutting conditions.

ISO	VDI 3323	Material	Compostion Structure Heat Treatment	Condition	HB	SFM	Drill Diameter												
							METRIC	3.0	-	4.0	-	5.0	6.0	-	-	8.0	-	10.0	
							FRACTIONAL	-	1/8	-	3/16	-	-	1/4	5/16	-	3/8	-	
							DECIMAL	.1181	.1250	.1575	.1875	.1969	.2362	.2500	.3125	.3150	.3750	.3937	
N	21	Aluminum-wrought alloy	Not Curable		60	658	RPM	21220		15920		12730		10610		7960		6370	
							FEED	.0047 - .0071		.0055 - .0087		.0059 - .0091		.0067 - .0098		.0083 - .011		.0094 - .0118	
N	22	Aluminum-wrought alloy	Curable	Hardened	100	527	RPM	16980		12730		10190		8490		6370		5090	
								FEED	.0047 - .0071		.0055 - .0087		.0059 - .0091		.0067 - .0098		.0083 - .011		.0094 - .0118
N	23	Aluminum-cast, alloyed	≤ 12% Si, Not Curable		75	494	RPM	15920		11940		9550		7960		5970		4770	
								FEED	.0059 - .0083		.0067 - .0098		.0075 - .0106		.0083 - .011		.0094 - .0122		.0114 - .0177
N	24	Aluminum-cast, alloyed	≤ 12% Si, Curable	Hardened	90	461	RPM	14850		11140		8910		7430		5570		4460	
								FEED	.0059 - .0083		.0067 - .0098		.0075 - .0106		.0083 - .011		.0094 - .0122		.0114 - .0177

ISO	VDI 3323	Material	Compostion Structure Heat Treatment	Condition	HB	SFM	Drill Diameter									
							METRIC	12.0	-	14.0	-	-	16.0	18.0	-	20.0
							FRACTIONAL	-	1/2	-	9/16	5/8	-	-	3/4	-
							DECIMAL	.4724	.5000	.5512	.5625	.6250	.6299	.7087	.7500	.7874
N	21	Aluminum-wrought alloy	Not Curable		60	658	RPM	5310	5030	4550	3980	3540	3350	3180		
					FEED	.0094 - .0118	.0094 - .0118	.0098 - .0138	.0098 - .0138	.011 - .015	.011 - .015	.0118 - .0157				
N	22	Aluminum-wrought alloy	Curable	Hardened	100	527	RPM	4240	4030	3640	3180	2830	2680	2550		
							FEED	.0094 - .0118	.0094 - .0118	.0098 - .0138	.0098 - .0138	.011 - .015	.011 - .015	.0118 - .0157		
N	23	Aluminum-cast, alloyed	≤ 12% Si, Not Curable		75	494	RPM	3980	3770	3410	2980	2650	2520	2390		
							FEED	.013 - .0217	.013 - .0217	.0138 - .0236	.0138 - .0236	.0154 - .0287	.0154 - .0287	.0154 - .0335		
N	24	Aluminum-cast, alloyed	≤ 12% Si, Curable	Hardened	90	461	RPM	3710	3520	3180	2790	2480	2350	2230		
							FEED	.013 - .0217	.013 - .0217	.0138 - .0236	.0138 - .0236	.0154 - .0287	.0154 - .0287	.0154 - .0335		

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**Penetration Rate
(in/min)**

$$v_f = f_n \cdot n$$

**Feed Per Revolution
(in/rev)**

$$f_n = \frac{v_f}{n}$$

**Cutting Speed
(ft/min)**

$$v_c = \frac{\pi \cdot D_{tool} \cdot n}{12}$$

**Spindle Speed
(rev/min)**

$$n = \frac{v_c \cdot 12}{\pi \cdot D_{tool}}$$

**Material Removal Rate
(in³/min)**

$$MRR = D_{tool} \cdot f_n \cdot v_c \cdot 3$$

Inch

Symbol	Definition	Unit
v_f	Penetration rate	<i>in/min</i>
f_n	Feed per revolution	<i>in/rev</i>
v_c	Cutting speed	<i>ft/min (SFM)</i>
n	Spindle speed	<i>rev/min (RPM)</i>
D_{tool}	Tool cutting diameter	<i>in</i>
MRR	Material removal rate	<i>(in³/min)</i>