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Material						Recommended Cutting Values														
Group		Material Description	HB	HRC		SFM (ft/min)	Drill Diameter			SFM (ft/min)	Drill Diameter									
							METRIC	1.0	2.0		METRIC	3.0	-	4.0	-	5.0	6.0	-	-	8.0
							FRACTIONAL	-	-		FRACTIONAL	-	1/8	-	3/16	-	-	1/4	5/16	-
ISO	VDI 3323						DECIMAL	.0394	.0787		DECIMAL	.1181	.1250	.1575	.1875	.1969	.2362	.2500	.3125	.3150
P	2	Non-alloy steel	190	13	⊙	230	RPM	22,280	11,140	329	RPM	10,610	7,960	6,370	5,310	3,980				
	3		250	25	○		230	FEED	.0008- .0016		.0016- .0024	329	FEED	.0016- .0039	.0024- .0047	.0047- .0071	.0055- .0079	.0063- .0087		
	6		Low alloy steel	180	10	⊙		230	RPM	22,280	11,140		329	RPM	10,610	7,960	6,370	5,310	3,980	
	7			275	29	○	160		FEED	.0008- .0016	.0016- .0024	230		FEED	.0016- .0039	.0024- .0047	.0047- .0071	.0055- .0079	.0063- .0087	
	M	12	Stainless steel	200	15	⊙		130	RPM	12,730	6,370		165	RPM	5,310	3,980	3,180	2,650	1,990	
		13		240	23	⊙	80		FEED	.0008- .0016	.0008- .0016	132		FEED	.0012- .0020	.0020- .0035	.0028- .0043	.0031- .0047	.0035- .0051	
		14		180	10	⊙		150	RPM	14,320	7,160		198	RPM	4,240	3,180	2,550	2,120	1,590	
		N		21	Aluminum-wrought alloy	60			⊙	430	FEED	.0008- .0016		.0008- .0016	198	FEED	.0012- .0020	.0020- .0035	.0028- .0043	.0031- .0047
FEED								.0016- .0039			.0031- .0055	659	FEED	.0016- .0024		.0024- .0039	.0031- .0047	.0035- .0051	.0039- .0055	
22					100		⊙	430	RPM	41,380	20,690	659	RPM	6,370	4,770	3,820	3,180	2,390		
	FEED		.0016- .0039						.0031- .0055	659	FEED		.0016- .0024	.0024- .0039	.0031- .0047	.0035- .0051	.0039- .0055			
23			75		○	360	RPM	41,380	20,690	593	RPM	21,220	15,920	12,730	10,610	7,960				
							FEED	.0016- .0039	.0031- .0055		593	FEED	.0055- .0079	.0075- .0098	.0079- .0102	.0087- .0110	.0094- .0118			
24	Aluminum-cast, alloyed		90		○	360	RPM	35,010	17,510	593	RPM	19,100	14,320	11,460	9,550	7,160				
							FEED	.0016- .0039	.0031- .0055		593	FEED	.0055- .0079	.0075- .0098	.0079- .0102	.0087- .0110	.0094- .0118			
25		130		○	300	RPM	35,010	17,510	593	RPM	15,920	11,940	9,550	7,960	5,970					
						FEED	.0016- .0039	.0031- .0055		494	FEED	.0047- .0071	.0063- .0087	.0067- .0091	.0075- .0098	.0083- .0106				
S	37	Titanium alloys	1050 Rm		○	80	RPM	28,650	14,320	494	RPM	7,960	3,980	3,180	2,550	2,120	1,590			
							FEED	.0016- .0031	.0024- .0039		132	FEED	.0004- .0012	.0004- .0012	132	FEED	.0008- .0016	.0016- .0031	.0024- .0039	.0028- .0043

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							METRIC	-	10.0	12.0	-	14.0	-	-	16.0	18.0	-	20.0
ISO	VDI 3323						FRACTIONAL	3/8	-	-	1/2	-	9/16	5/8	-	-	3/4	-
							DECIMAL	.3750	.3937	.4724	.5000	.5512	.5625	.6250	.6299	.7087	.7500	.7874
P	2	Non-alloy steel	190	13	⊙	329	RPM	3,180	2,650	2,510	2,270	1,990	1,770	1,680	1,590			
			FEED	.0071- .0094	.0075- .0106		.0075- .0106	.0083- .0154	.0091- .0122	.0102- .0142	.0102- .0142	.0110- .0150						
	3		250	25	○	329	RPM	3,180	2,650	2,510	2,270	1,990	1,770	1,680	1,590			
			FEED	.0071- .0094	.0075- .0106		.0075- .0106	.0083- .0154	.0091- .0122	.0102- .0142	.0102- .0142	.0110- .0150						
	6	Low alloy steel	180	10	⊙	329	RPM	3,180	2,650	2,510	2,270	1,990	1,770	1,680	1,590			
			FEED	.0071- .0094	.0075- .0106		.0075- .0106	.0083- .0154	.0091- .0122	.0102- .0142	.0102- .0142	.0110- .0150						
7		275	29	○	230	RPM	2,230	1,860	1,760	1,590	1,390	1,240	1,170	1,110				
		FEED	.0071- .0094	.0075- .0106		.0075- .0106	.0083- .0154	.0091- .0122	.0102- .0142	.0102- .0142	.0110- .0150							
M	12		200	15	⊙	165	RPM	1,590	1,330	1,260	1,140	990	880	840	800			
			FEED	.0039- .0059	.0043- .0063		.0043- .0063	.0047- .0067	.0051- .0071	.0055- .0075	.0055- .0075	.0059- .0079						
	13	Stainless steel	240	23	⊙	132	RPM	1,270	1,060	1,010	910	800	710	670	640			
			FEED	.0039- .0059	.0043- .0063		.0043- .0063	.0047- .0067	.0051- .0071	.0055- .0075	.0055- .0075	.0059- .0079						
	14		180	10	⊙	198	RPM	1,910	1,590	1,510	1,360	1,190	1,060	1,010	950			
			FEED	.0043- .0063	.0047- .0067		.0047- .0067	.0051- .0071	.0055- .0075	.0059- .0079	.0059- .0079	.0063- .0083						
N	21	Aluminum-wrought alloy	60		⊙	659	RPM	6,370	5,310	5,030	4,550	3,980	3,540	3,360	3,180			
			FEED	.0102- .0126	.0110- .0134		.0110- .0134	.0118- .0142	.0126- .0150	.0130- .0169	.0130- .0169	.0138- .0177						
	22		100		⊙	659	RPM	6,370	5,310	5,030	4,550	3,980	3,540	3,360	3,180			
			FEED	.0102- .0126	.0110- .0134		.0110- .0134	.0118- .0142	.0126- .0150	.0130- .0169	.0130- .0169	.0138- .0177						
	23		75		○	593	RPM	5,730	4,770	4,530	4,090	3,580	3,180	3,020	2,860			
			FEED	.0102- .0126	.0110- .0134		.0110- .0134	.0118- .0142	.0126- .0150	.0130- .0169	.0130- .0169	.0138- .0177						
	24	Aluminum-cast, alloyed	90		○	593	RPM	5,730	4,770	4,530	4,090	3,580	3,180	3,020	2,860			
			FEED	.0102- .0126	.0110- .0134		.0110- .0134	.0118- .0142	.0126- .0150	.0130- .0169	.0130- .0169	.0138- .0177						
	25		130		○	494	RPM	4,770	3,980	3,770	3,410	2,980	2,650	2,520	2,390			
			FEED	.0091- .0114	.0098- .0122		.0098- .0122	.0106- .0130	.0110- .0134	.0110- .0150	.0110- .0150	.0118- .0157						
S	37	Titanium alloys	1050 Rm		○	132	RPM	1,270	1,060	1,010	910	800	710	670	640			
			FEED	.0035- .0055	.0039- .0059		.0039- .0059	.0043- .0063	.0047- .0067	.0051- .0071	.0051- .0071	.0055- .0075						

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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>