



Solid Carbide Spiral CNC Router Bits / End Mills for Steel & Stainless Steel with AlTiN Coating Speed and Feed Chart

Material Group	Speed SFM*	Chip Load Per Tooth	
		up to 1/4" Dia.	1/4" to 1/2" Dia.
Cast Iron (soft 195bhn)	200 - 500	.001 - .002	.002 - .003
Cast Iron (medium 225bhn)	125 - 300	.001 - .002	.002 - .003
Cast Iron (hard 275bhn)	80 - 300	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Magnesium	800 - 1400	.001 - .003	.003 - .005
Monel/Nickel Alloys	65 - 175	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Plastics	600 - 1200	.001 - .003	.003 - .006
Steel-Heat Treated (35-40Rc)	150 - 350	.0003 - .0005	.0005 - .001
Steel-Heat Treated (40-45Rc)	125 - 275	.0002 - .0005	.0005 - .001
Steel-Heat Treated (45Rc)	50 - 200	.0002 - .0005	.0005 - .001
Steel-Medium Carbon	175 - 350	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Steel, Mold & Die	50 - 250	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Steel, Tool	150 - 250	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Stainless-Soft	250 - 400	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Stainless-Hard	75 - 250	.0005 - .001	.001 - .002
Titanium Alloys	90 - 225	.0003 - .0009	.0009 - .002

*** Surface Feet Per Minute**

Simple Machining Calculations:

To find **RPM**: (SFM x 3.82) / diameter of tool

To find **SFM**: 0.262 x diameter of tool x RPM

To find **Feed Rate IPM**: RPM x # of flutes x chip load

To find **Chip Load**: Feed Rate IPM / (RPM x # of Flutes)

Depth of Cut: 1 x D Use recommended chip load

2 x D Reduce chip load by 25%

3 x D Reduce chip load by 50%

Disclaimer: These values are based on test results. Your results may vary.
It is important to understand that these values are only recommendations.

Replace or Resharpen drills at first sign of dulling or rounding.



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General Endmill Calculations

In order to find the

RPM (Revolution Per Minute)

The speed by which the tool or spindle is rotating.

SFM (Surface Per Minute)

The manufacturer's suggested working velocity of the tool based on geometry, substrate, coatings and workpiece material.

IPM (Inches Per Minute)

The feed rate by which the workpiece material passes by the endmill during production.

IPT (Inches Per Tooth)

The manufacturer's suggested feedrate, measured in .001" increments, as applied to each tooth of the endmill, aka "chip load".

Feed Rate

The distance traveled by the workpiece as the tool revolves one time only.

If you know these...

Then the math becomes easy...

Suggested **Surface Feed Per Minute (SFM)**
(see page 1 for material suggestions)
Diameter of Tool

$$\text{RPM} = \text{SFM} \times 3.82, \div \text{Diameter of tool}$$

Revolutions Per Minute (RPM)
Diameter of Tool

$$\text{SFM} = .262 \times \text{RPM} \times \text{Diameter of tool}$$

RPM
Chip Load
(feed per tooth per revolution)
Number of teeth

$$\text{IPM} = \text{RPM} \times \text{Chip Load} \times \text{Number of flutes}$$

IPM (inches per minute)
RPM (revolutions per minute)
Number of Flutes on tool

$$\text{IPT} = \text{IPM} \div \text{RPM} \div \text{Number of flutes}$$

IPM (inches per minute)
RPM (revolutions per minute)

$$\text{IPR} = \text{IPM} \div \text{RPM}$$

A working example to calculate RPMs...

Whereby you want to run a 3/8" diameter, 4 fluted endmill at the suggested 200 SFM. What are your suggested RPMs?

$$\text{RPMs} = \text{SFM} \times 3.82, \div \text{Diameter of tool}$$

Example... 200 SFM x 3.82, ÷ .375"... equals 2,037 RPM

A working example to calculate the SFM... for the same 3/8" diameter tool when you know that your spindle runs at 18,000 RPMs...

$$\text{SFM} = .262 \times \text{RPM} \times \text{Diameter of tool}$$

Example... .262 SFM x 18,000 x .375"... equals 1,768.5 SFM

A working example to find the work material's suggested feed-rate, for the same 3/8" diameter, 4 fluted tool, when I know the spindle is running at 2,500 RPM and a chip load of .0025" per tooth...

$$\text{IPM} = \text{RPM} \times \text{Chip Load} \times \text{Number of flutes}$$

Example... 2,500 x .0025" x 4... equals 25 IPM (inches per minute)

A working example to see if your chip load is correct, for a 3/8" diameter, 2 fluted tool routing at 5,000 RPMs at 45 IPM feed...

$$\text{IPT} = \text{IPM} \div \text{RPM} \div \text{Number of flutes}$$

Example... 45 ÷ 5,000 ÷ 2 flutes... equals .0045" per tooth