µGrind Automatic Chuck

µGrind HPS Micro

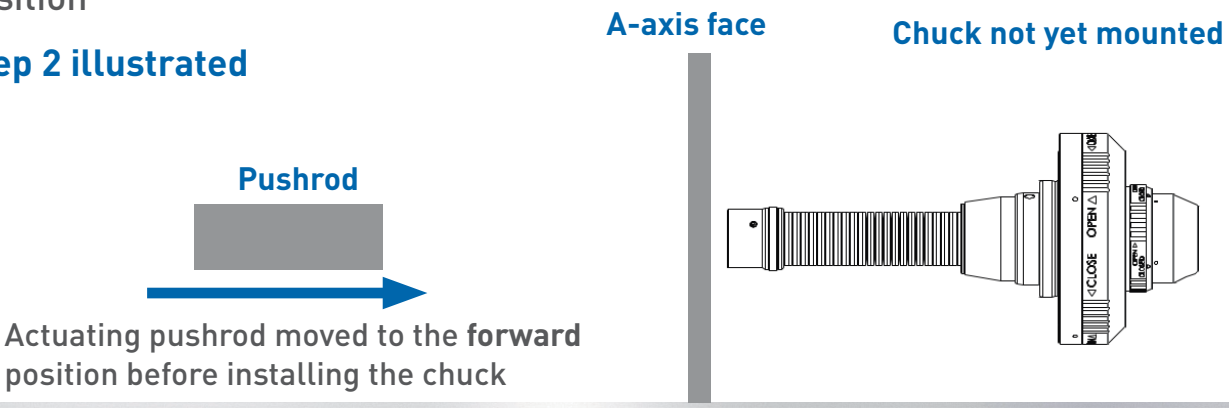
Setup **guideline**

(to be used in conjunction with GDS µGrind Einstell Video.mp4)

Step 1: Remove the actuating pushrod or drawbar in the A-axis (if applicable) and install the µGrind's actuating pushrod using an 8 mm T-handle wrench

Step 2: Use the machine control to put the actuating pushrod in the **forward** position

Step 2 illustrated



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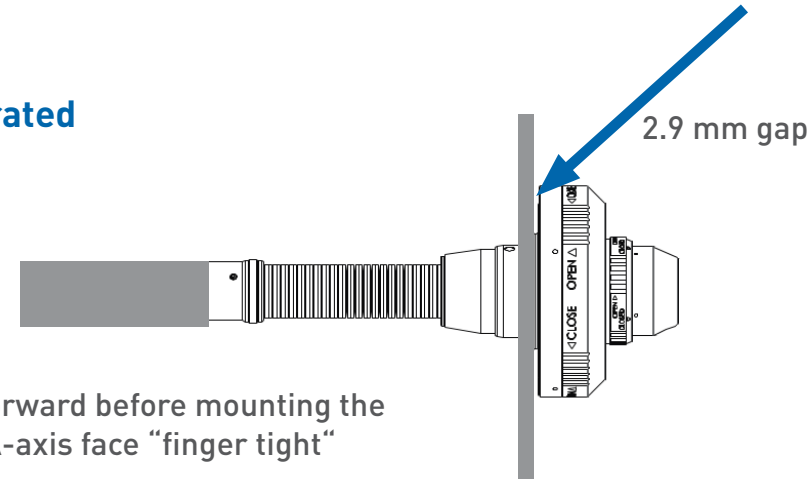
Step 3: Ensure that the face of the A-axis workhead is flat and clean and that the µGrind is at ambient temperature

Step 4: Bolt the µGrind to the face of the A-axis using the T-handle wrench provided. Secure the bolts "finger tight" and confirm that the gap between the A-axis face and the chuck's mounting surface is 2.9 mm ± 0.3 mm (the "smiley" side of the enclosed feeler gauge is perfect). If not, remove the chuck, adjust the postion of the set screw in the push rod, and try again until correct.

Step 4 illustrated

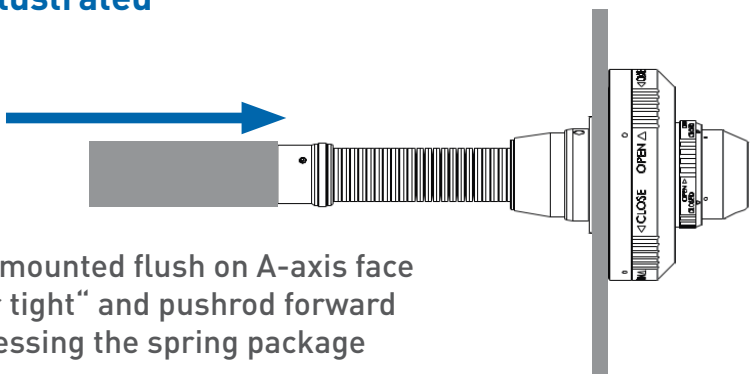


Pushrod forward before mounting the chuck on A-axis face "finger tight"

Step 5: Once you have the right gap, use the machine control to move the actuating pushrod into the rear position and tighten the chuck's mounting bolts "finger tight"

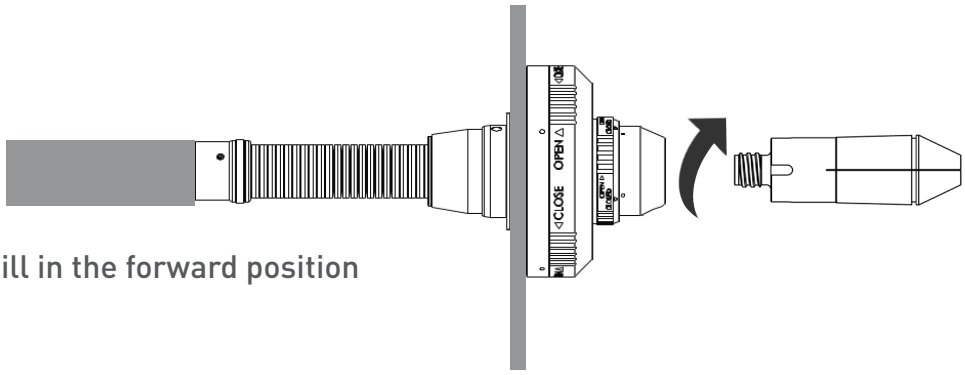
Step 6: Use the machine control to move the actuating pushrod into the forward position. This "opens" the chuck.

Step 6 illustrated



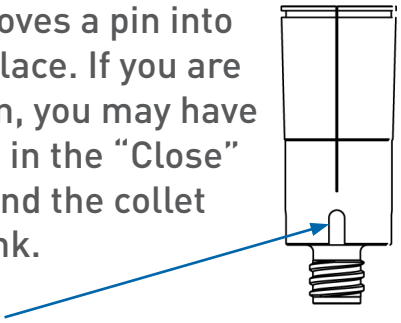
Chuck mounted flush on A-axis face "finger tight" and pushrod forward compressing the spring package

Step 7: Screw in the desired collet as shown in the video. Turn the collet clockwise until you feel resistance but do NOT tighten! Then turn the collet counterclockwise roughly 1/4 turn until the next slot aligns with the dimple on the chuck's nose. Turn the blue sleeve counterclockwise until the two "Close" indicators align with the dimples at the rear of the chuck's nosecone. Check that you are now **unable** to turn the collet more than a tiny bit in either direction.



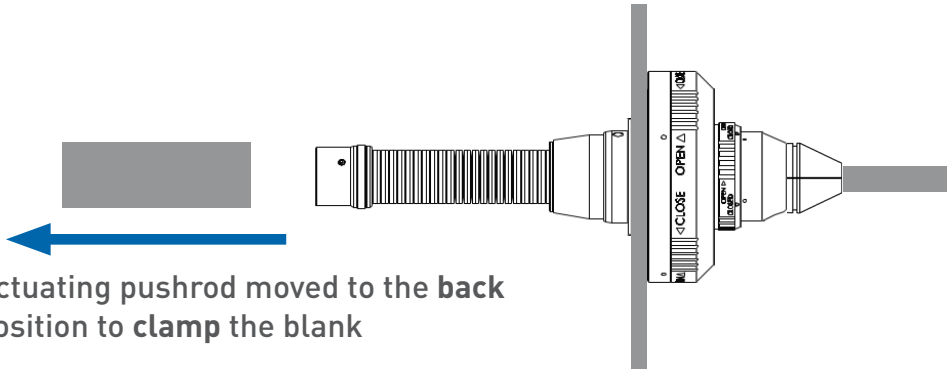
Pushrod still in the forward position

NOTE: Turning the blue sleeve from "Open" to "Close" moves a pin into one of the notches at the base of the collet, locking it in place. If you are unable to turn the blue sleeve fully to the "Close" position, you may have to turn the collet slightly. Conversely, if the blue sleeve is in the "Close" position but you are able to turn the collet, the pin is behind the collet and **you will damage it** when clamping your first tool blank.



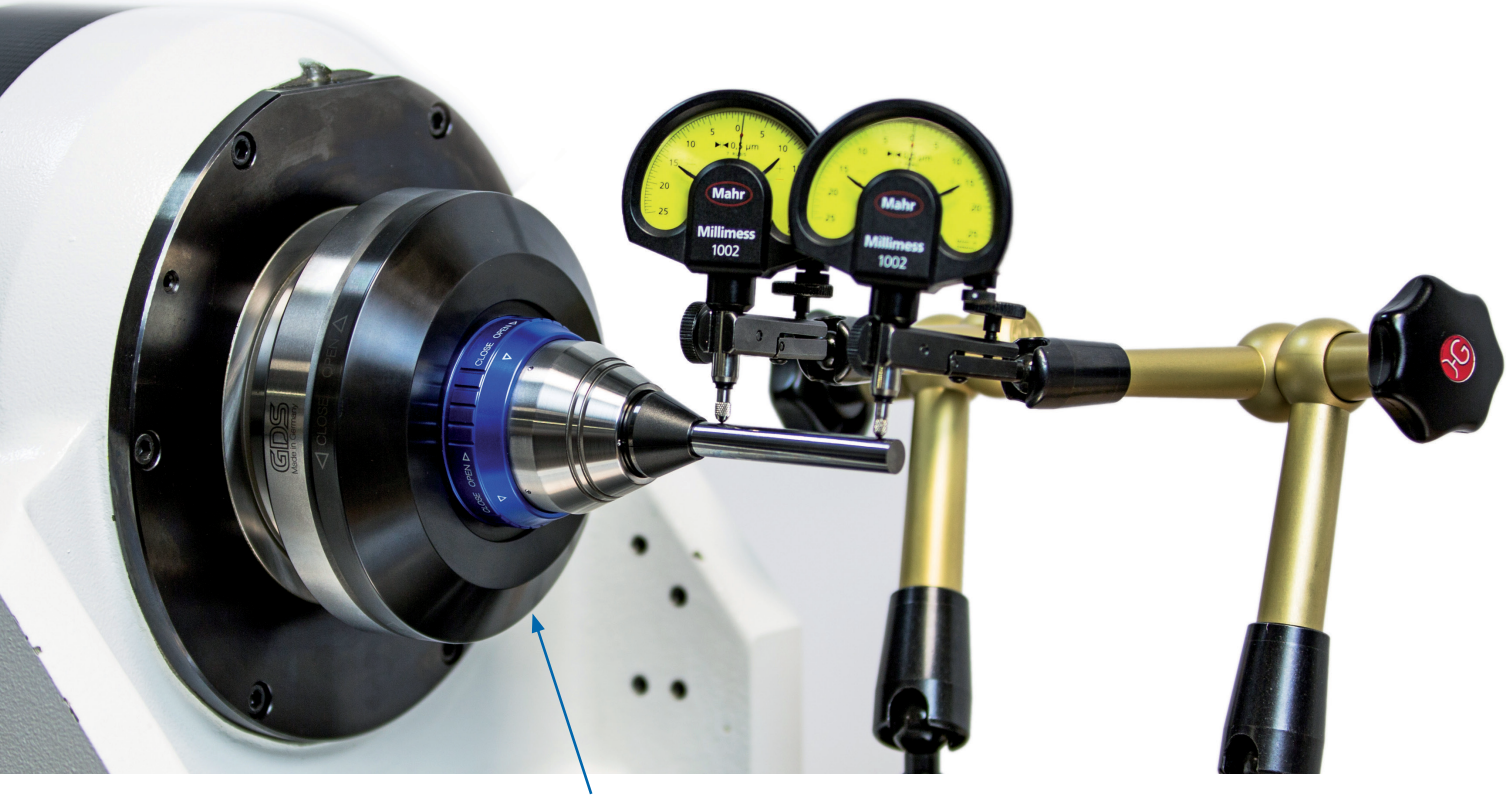
A "lock notch" at the base of an HPS collet

Step 8: Insert a good blank of the appropriate size all the way into the collet. Use the machine control to move the pushrod back. This **clamps** the blank. Unclamp and clamp the blank roughly 20 times to ensure the collet is "settled in." **NOTE**: Do **not** move the pushrod back without a blank in the collet.



Actuating pushrod moved to the **back** position to **clamp** the blank

Step 9: Setup two gauges as shown below and in the video, put the machine in "manual mode," and rotate the A-axis until you reach the "high spot" as indicated on the rear gauge.



The swarf shield would **not** be on while adjusting the chuck

Step 10: As shown in the video, use the plastic tipped mallet supplied with the chuck to "tap down" the runout, rotating the A-axis periodically to ensure that you have achieved the desired precision. Tighten the face bolts when satisfied.

Step 11: Unlike the larger µGrind chuck shown in the video, you cannot rotate the position of the jack screws on the µGrind Micro. So rotate the A-axis until you reach the "high point" as indicated by the gauge and use the T-handle wrench supplied with the chuck to **slightly** tighten the closest screw to eliminate the axial runout ("weeble-wobble"). If the high spot is between screws you may have to adjust both. Repeat this process until satisfied and tighten all four jack screws, taking care not to change the runout.

Step 12: Unclamp and re-clamp the blank three times and re-check the runout. (Ensure that the blank is against the backstop so you are measuring at the same point.) Make any final adjustments & attach the swarf shield. You are ready to grind!

Step X: Check the runout after grinding roughly 20 tools as temperature changes may have affected things. Depending on your operation, you may find it helpful to check periodically after 1,000 to 5,000 tools.

Changing collets

Step 1: Move the actuating pushrod forward to "open" the chuck and remove the last tool from the first run.

Step 2: Turn the blue sleeve from "Close" to "Open" and unscrew the collet.

Step 3: Screw in the new collet and secure it as per **Step 7** above.

Step 4: Insert a new blank and clamp it as per **Step 8** above. You do NOT have to re-measure the chuck. It will repeat within 2 microns from collet to collet.

Removing the chuck

Step 1: Move the actuating pushrod forward to "open" the chuck and remove the last tool.

Step 2: Turn the blue sleeve from "Close" to "Open" and unscrew the collet.

Step 3: Remove the swarf shield and use the chuck's T-handle wrench to loosen the four "weeble-wobble" jack screws.

Step 4: Move the actuating pushrod to the **back** position

Step 5: Loosen the four mounting bolts and remove the chuck. Place it in its original plastic bag (which is impregnated with oil) and secure the chuck in its case. Remove the actuating pushrod, wrap it in its oil paper, and secure it in the case.

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