Setup and Operation for the Hardinge®

GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer

Original U.S.A. Instructions

Non-Collet Spindle

Collet-Ready Spindle (Extended Spindle Nose)
Thank you for purchasing a Hardinge GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer! This User’s Manual is provided to assist you in setup procedures and to familiarize you with the features, specifications and maintenance recommendations of your unit.

The mechanical indexing head can be maintained by the customer with proper cleaning, lubrication and maintenance. Any necessary repairs required during the warranty period will be made at Hardinge Inc. or by a factory-authorized representative.

Hardinge supplies a complete array of workholding products including chucks, FlexC™ collet systems, fixture plates and Sjogren chucks. Collets, step chucks and expanding collets can be used on the collet-ready spindle model.

Custom-manufacturing is also available.

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Safety Recommendations

READ COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE OPERATING THIS UNIT. Note: Equipment refers to the rotary table indexer and/or machine it is used with.

When this instruction book was printed, the information given was current. However, since we are constantly improving the design of our products, it is possible that the illustrations and descriptions may vary from the system you receive.

- WARNING -

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard 1910.1200, effective May 25, 1986, and various state “employee right-to-know laws” require that information regarding chemicals used with this equipment be supplied to you. Refer to the applicable section of the Material Safety Data Sheets supplied with your unit when handling, storing or disposing of chemicals.

HARDINGE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Hardinge machine is designed and built for maximum ease and safety of operation. However, some previously accepted shop practices may not reflect current safety regulations and procedures, and should be re-examined to insure compliance with the current safety and health standards.

Hardinge Inc. recommends that all shop supervisors, maintenance personnel, and machine tool operators be advised of the importance of safe maintenance, setup and operation of Hardinge-built equipment. Our recommendations are described below.

READ THESE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER.

READ THE APPROPRIATE MANUAL OR INSTRUCTIONS before attempting operation or maintenance of the equipment. Make certain that you understand all instructions.

DO NOT ALLOW the operation or repair of equipment by untrained personnel.

CONSULT YOUR SUPERVISOR when in doubt as to the correct way to do a job.

WEAR SAFETY GLASSES AND PROPER FOOT PROTECTION at all times. When necessary, wear respirator, helmet, gloves and ear muffs or plugs.

DON’T OPERATE EQUIPMENT unless proper maintenance has been regularly performed and the equipment is known to be in good working order.

WARNING or INSTRUCTION TAGS are mounted on the unit for your safety and information. Do not remove them or damage them.

DO NOT ALTER THE EQUIPMENT to bypass any interlock, overload, disconnect or other safety device.

DO NOT OPERATE EQUIPMENT if unusual or excessive heat, noise, smoke or vibration occurs. Report any excessive or unusual vibration, sounds, smoke or heat as well as any damaged parts.

LIFTING AND HANDLING OF THE UNIT should be done with full knowledge of the unit weight and using proper procedures.

MAKE CERTAIN that the equipment is properly grounded. Consult National Electric Code and all local codes.

Remove power from the unit by unplugging the power cord before attempting repair or maintenance. (Where Applicable)

DON’T OPEN THE CONTROL BOX without consulting with Hardinge. (Where Applicable)
Safety Recommendations (continued)

DON'T TOUCH ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT when hands are wet or when standing on a wet surface. (Where Applicable)

REPLACE BLOWN FUSES with fuses of the same size and type as originally furnished. (Where Applicable)

ASCERTAIN AND CORRECT the cause of a shutdown caused by overload heaters before restarting the machine. (Where Applicable)

KEEP THE AREA AROUND THE MACHINE well lit and dry.

KEEP CHEMICAL AND FLAMMABLE MATERIAL away from electrical or operating equipment.

HAVE THE CORRECT TYPE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER handy when machining combustible material and keep chips clear of the work area.

DON'T USE a toxic or flammable substance as a solvent cleaner or coolant.

MAKE CERTAIN THAT PROPER GUARDING is in place and that all doors to the primary machine are closed and secured.

DON'T OPEN GUARD DOORS of the primary machine while any machine component is in motion.

MAKE SURE chucks, closers, fixture plates and all other spindle-mounted workholding devices are properly mounted and secured before starting the unit or the machine.

MAKE CERTAIN all tools are securely clamped in position before starting the unit or the machine.

REMOVE ANY LOOSE PARTS OR TOOLS left on the unit or the machine or in the work area before operating the equipment. Always check the machine and work area for loose tools and parts especially after work has been completed by maintenance personnel.

REMOVE CHUCK WRENCHES before starting the unit or the machine.

BEFORE PRESSING THE CYCLE START PUSH BUTTON, make certain that proper functions are programmed and that all controls are set in the desired modes.

KNOW WHERE ALL stop push buttons are located in case of an emergency.

CHECK THE LUBRICATION OIL LEVEL before operating the machine.

MAKE CERTAIN that all guards are in good condition and are functioning properly before operating the equipment.

INSPECT ALL SAFETY DEVICES AND GUARDS to make certain that they are in good condition and are functioning properly before the cycle is started.

CHECK THE POSITION of any load/unload automation before pressing the Cycle Start push button.

CHECK SETUP, TOOLING, AND SECURITY OF THE WORKPIECE if the machine has been OFF for any length of time.

DRY CYCLE a new setup to check for programming errors.

MAKE CERTAIN that you are clear of any "pinch point" created by moving slides before starting the machine.

DON'T OPERATE any equipment while any part of the body is in the proximity of a potentially hazardous area.

DON'T REMOVE CHIPS with hands. Use a hook or similar device and make certain that all machine movements have ceased.
Safety Recommendations (continued)

BE CAREFUL of sharp edges when handling a newly machined workpiece.

DON’T REMOVE OR LOAD a workpiece while any part of the equipment is in motion.

DON’T OPERATE ANY EQUIPMENT while wearing rings, watches, jewelry, loose clothing, neckties or long hair not contained by a net or shop cap.

DON’T ADJUST tooling or coolant hoses while the equipment is running.

DON’T LEAVE tools, workpieces or other loose items where they can come in contact with a moving component of the equipment.

DON’T CHECK finishes or dimensions of workpiece near running spindle or moving slides.

DON’T JOG SPINDLE in either direction when checking threads with a thread gage.

DON’T ATTEMPT to brake or slow the equipment with hands or any makeshift device.

ANY ATTACHMENT, TOOL OR MACHINE MODIFICATION not obtained from Hardinge Inc. must be reviewed by a qualified safety engineer before installation.

USE CAUTION around exposed mechanisms and tooling especially when setting up. Be careful of sharp edges on tools.

DON’T USE worn or defective hand tools. Use the proper size and type for the job being performed.

USE ONLY a soft-faced hammer on tooling and fixtures.

DON’T USE worn or broken tooling on machine.

MAKE CERTAIN that all tool mounting surfaces are clean before mounting tools.

INSPECT ALL CHUCKING DEVICES daily to make certain that they are in good operating condition. Replace any defective chuck before operating the machine.

USE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE gripping pressure on the chuck. Consider weight, shape and balance of the workpiece.

DON’T EXCEED the rated capacity of the equipment.

DON’T LEAVE the equipment unattended while it is operating.

DON’T CLEAN the equipment with an air hose.

KEEP TOTE PANS a safe distance from the machine. Don’t overfill the tote pans.

DON’T LET STOCK project past the back end of the collet closer or equipment spindle without being adequately covered and properly supported.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, all operating and maintenance procedures are to be performed by one person. To avoid injury to yourself and others, be sure that all personnel are clear of the equipment when opening or closing the coolant guard door and any access covers.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION - WORK SAFELY

DON’T OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT with damaged or worn electrical cables.

VERIFY that the electrical cables are not restrained or pinched during full travel movement of the machine.
1. Introduction

1.1 Description

The GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer is used for accurate and dependable positioning of medium-size parts in machining operations such as milling, drilling, tapping, contouring and spiral milling.

The Hardinge® GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer System is a fully integratable, programmable, rotary positioning device that saves on workspace without sacrificing performance. The mechanical index head holds the workpiece, which is positioned by programming angular movements into the all-digital servo control as a slave to a CNC machine or directly into a CNC control in a true 4th axis setup. The mechanical indexing head features an A2-5 spindle nose for spindle tooling compatibility with A2-5 spindle CNC lathes coupled with a precision ground 210mm slotted face plate. The GD210LP is offered in two versions:

- Non-Collet Spindle
- Collet-ready Spindle

The collet-ready spindle model houses a 16C collet seat in the spindle, which accepts a variety of the 16C tooling that Hardinge is noted for.

The GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer spindle is based on the industry standard A2-5 spindle design that has been used in Hardinge lathe production for over a century. The Hardinge-engineered mechanical elements guarantee the spindle will be accurate, repeatable, reliable, and flexible to suit many different machining applications. The spindle carries a centerline from the machine bed of 6.00"/152.4mm, which is compatible with many other indexing products.

The spindle is hardened and ground for accuracy and has a rigid design with two large deep groove ball bearings to support heavy cutting forces. Positioning of the spindle is accomplished through a self-locking gear set and timing belt.

1.2 High Stiffness Overall System

The Hardinge GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer uses a high quality hardened gear system with a 90:1 ratio achieved through gear and timing belt reduction. This type of gearing allows for an efficient transmission of high torque driving capability through the worm. The bearing set for this system consists of two large deep-groove ball bearings located on either side of the gear set. The bearings have been separated by the gear to increase the distance between the pivot points of the spindle, which greatly decreases the amount of system deflection caused by machining forces. This spindle is also equipped with a high torque pneumatic fail-safe clamp which prevents back driving and adds a considerable amount of stiffness. Stiffness or rigidity is one of the more important features of any system employed in the activity of machining operations and is the driving force for Hardinge-engineered rotary systems.

1.3 Machinable Part Size (non-colleted spindle and collet-ready spindle rotary units)

The Hardinge non-collet spindle GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer System has been designed for those parts that can be conveniently clamped to the slotted face plate. The collet-ready spindle GD210LP will also grip parts that can be conveniently gripped in any of the 16C gripping systems. Typical parts are in the range of approximately 5"/127mm in diameter, and generally not longer than 7"/178mm without the use of a tailstock and are figured at a 50% duty cycle. A typical cut is figured at 7.5 HP with face or end milling.

Larger part sizes than those described above can be handled with additional tailstock or trunnion support.

1.4 Standard Spindle Clamp

The Hardinge GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer comes with a fail-safe spindle clamp that is standard from the factory. This clamp allows the spindle to handle cutting forces equal to 275 ft-lb/373 Nm, allowing for greater cutting forces in the non-contouring mode of operation. The unit contains an air sensor that will prevent indexing in the event that air pressure drops below 85 psi to the clamp so that damage is prevented. Air is supplied to the clamp via a quick disconnect fitting right on top of the motor cover. When equipped with the Hardinge servo control, the clamp can
be controlled automatically so that the clamp is engaged when the Rotary Table Indexer arrives at its programmed
destination or it can be controlled with "G" codes. For ease of use, a "C" will appear on the display of the control
whenever the clamp is engaged.

There is a potential for a drop in air pressure if the air line supplying the Rotary Table Indexer with air is also supplying
something else with air. If you receive a low pressure alarm, the first thing you should check is the air pressure supplied
to the Rotary Table Indexer. Please note that even a momentary drop in air pressure will create an alarm situation.

CAUTION: Never attempt to defeat the clamp protection logic as this may result in an opportunity for the system to
rotate when the clamp is engaged. This will cause an overload fault and repeated attempts to operate in this manner
may damage the clamp. Clamp requires a minimum of 85psi of air to fully release the spindle.
1.5 Features

RIGID DESIGN
Increased distance between large bearings support heavy cutting forces on medium or small parts

HARDENED AND GROUND SPINDLE for higher accuracy

DUAL DEEP GROOVE BALL BEARINGS support heavy cutting forces

AUTOMATIC CIRCLE DIVISION (With Hardinge Servo Control)
You can program a step that automatically divides a circle into any number of equal parts between 2 and 999

STOP/FEED-HOLD (With Hardinge Servo Control)
You can use the STOP to feed-hold spindle movement without losing position on restart

FAST SETUPS (With Hardinge Servo Control)
All connectors are “quick-disconnect”, ensuring fast and easy setups

INTERFACING (With Hardinge Servo Control)
Most CNC mills can be interfaced quickly and easily by using a spare “M” function which provides a switch-closer as a signal between your mill and the control

LINEAR & SPIRAL MILLING (With Hardinge Servo Control)
For semi fourth-axis capability

MEMORY (With Hardinge Servo Control)
A nonvolatile memory retains your program even when power is turned off – and remembers the current spindle position and step number

PROGRAM STORAGE (With Hardinge Servo Control)
Store and recall up to fifty different programs

PROGRAMMABLE PARAMETERS (With Hardinge Servo Control)
You can alter many of the basic features by performing basic programming

PROGRAMMING (With Hardinge Servo Control)
Program to rotate the spindle clockwise or counterclockwise with step sizes from .001 to 9999.99 degrees
Using G83 & G84, continuous rotation is allowed. Contact Hardinge for maximum speeds based on duty cycle.

ABSOLUTE OR INCREMENTAL PROGRAMMING (With Hardinge Servo Control)
Up to 1000 different steps can be stored in memory and each step can be repeated (looped) 999 times

RS-232 INTERFACE (With Hardinge Servo Control)
For computer control of sending and receiving programs and controlling indexer via the CNC control of host machine capable of RS-232 communication

RESOLUTION Standard resolution of .001” degrees

SIMPLE EDITING (With Hardinge Servo Control)
Edit a program by simply writing over existing steps, or inserting or deleting a line (or several lines) between steps, with automatic program line renumbering

SUBROUTINES (With Hardinge Servo Control)
Allows repeated sequences up to 999 times, saving programming time and memory space

VARIABLE FEED RATES Variable from .001 deg./sec. to 240 deg./sec.

ZERO RETURN (With Hardinge Servo Control)
An “automatic home” position can be programmed to return the spindle to its original starting position from any point

12-MONTH/ONE-YEAR WARRANTY
The Hardinge Low-Profile Rotary Table Systems are provided with a 12-month warranty against any defects in material and workmanship.
1.6 Specifications

Spindle:
- Torque (ft-lb/Nm): 90 (122)
- Spindle Runout Max TIR (inch/mm): 0.0002
- Faceplate Runout Max (inch/mm): 0.0002
- Faceplate Perpendicularity (inch/mm): 0.0002
- Backlash (arc/sec): 40
- Speed (degrees/sec): 0.001 to 240
- RPM Maximum: 40
- Load Support: Dual Deep Groove Ball Bearings
- Spindle Nose: A2-5
- Spindle center-to-base (inch/mm): 6.000 ± 0.001 (52.4 ±0.025)

Indexing:
- Accuracy (arc/sec): ±30
- Repeatability (arc/sec): ±5
- Resolution (degree): 0.001
- Max Rotation/Step (degree): 9999.99*
- Gear Diameter (inch/mm): 6.2 (157.0)

Motor:
- Type (hp/kW DC servo): 2.0 (1.5) with Hardinge Servo Control
- Clamping Torque: 275 ft-lb/373 Nm
- Gear Ratio (gear set): 90:1
- L-pitch Timing Belt Frequency (Hz): 144-150 (new belt)

Operating Specifications:
- Duty Cycle: 90% at full speed without tailstock
- Operating Temperature (Max Ambient): 120°F / 49°C
- Power Rating (VAC): 115 ±5° @10 amp
- Oil Requirements: MOBILGEAR 600 XP 220
- Air Pressure Range For Clamp (psi/bar): 85-94 / 5.9-6.5

Weight:
- Rotary Table Indexer (lb/kg): 200 / 90.7

Workholding:
- Non-Collet Spindle
  - Collets-Round (maximum capacity) inch/mm: —
  - Collets-Hex (maximum capacity) inch/mm: —
  - Collets-Square (maximum capacity) inch/mm: —
  - Step Chucks - Regular Depth (max. capacity): —
  - Step Chucks - Extra-Depth (max. capacity): —
  - 3-Jaw Chucks, Power (diameter): 5, 6, and 8"
  - 3-Jaw Chucks, Manual (diameter): 8", 10" / 203.00, 254.00
  - FlexC Collet systems - Style D: 2½/8" / 65.00
  - Sjorgen ANSI Manual Collet Chucks: 5C, 2J
  - Scroll-style Collet Chucks: 5C, 16C, 3J
  - Sure-Grip® Expanding Collets, Collet Style: —
  - Sure-Grip Expanding Collets, Spindle Style: —
  - Fixture Plate, Spindle Mount (diameter): 5½", 8½" / 139.70, 225.42
  - Fixture Plate, Collet Style (diameter): 6½" / 161.92
  - Slotted Face Plate (diameter): 8.26", 8½", 10"
  - Collet Stops (part-length control): YES

Collet-Ready Spindle
- Collets-Round (maximum capacity) inch/mm: —
- Collets-Hex (maximum capacity) inch/mm: —
- Collets-Square (maximum capacity) inch/mm: —
- Step Chucks - Regular Depth (max. capacity): —
- Step Chucks - Extra-Depth (max. capacity): —
- 3-Jaw Chucks, Power (diameter): 5, 6, and 8"
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- Collet Stops (part-length control): YES

Notes: 1 - maximum torque applied before slipping occurs
* Continuous Rotation Available
1.7 Dimensions

1.7.1 Single-Spindle GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer Unit

The GD210LP can be ordered with the motor on either side of the unit. If the unit is ordered with the motor in the standard orientation, as shown in the picture above (motor is on the left looking at the faceplate), counter clockwise is the positive direction and the drive dog will be in the 2 o’clock position when the rotary is in the zero position. If the unit is ordered with the motor on the right hand side of the unit, then the spindle will move clockwise when programmed to move in the positive direction and the drive dog will be in the 8 o’clock position when the rotary is in the zero position.

NOTE: The Hardinge servo control and most machine control parameters can be changed to make either clockwise or counterclockwise the positive direction.
2. Set Up

2.1 General Setup

1. Fill out the warranty information by visiting www.hardinge.com/rotarywarranty on the internet.

2. Place the GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer on the machine. Route the cable from the head so that it avoids tool changers and table edges. Cable slack must be provided for your machine's movements. If the cable is cut, the motor will fail prematurely. Replace any damaged cable immediately. Secure the Rotary Table Indexer to the machine's T-slot table as shown below (upright or on its back). T-nut packages are available for purchase for various T-slot tables. Kit includes (2) T-nuts, (2) bolts, and (2) flat washers. Check to verify that all clearances are satisfied in full machine axes movements and that there is no possibility of a collision.

3. Place the GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer in an area free from chips and coolant where air can circulate freely. Do not let chips pile up over the motor enclosure, as this would prevent proper cooling.

4. Connect the GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer using one of the techniques as described in the Hardinge servo control or Hardinge 4th-axis manual, which will be included with the mechanical unit.

5. Route the cable over the back of the mill sheet metal (if using Hardinge Servo Control).

6. If adding an indexer to a Hardinge mill using a remote CNC cable or as a true 4th axis, the settings must be set for the specific unit. Refer to the instructions in the Hardinge 4th-axis manual or call the Hardinge service department.

7. If using the Hardinge servo control, secure it in required placement. Do not cover any surface of the control, as it will quickly overheat. Do not place the unit on top of other hot electronic controls.

7a. Connect the two cables from the indexer to the controller in the appropriate locations.

CAUTION: Never connect or disconnect these cables with the power on. Instant failure will result.

7b. Connect the AC line cord to a 120V AC grounded receptacle. The cord is a three-wire ground type, and the ground must be connected. Power is 120VAC. The power service must supply a minimum of 15 amps.
continuously. Conduit wire must be 12 gauge or larger and fused for at least 20 amps. If using an extension cord, use a three-wire ground type and the ground line must be connected. Use only heavy duty 12-gauge extension cords capable of 20 amp load. Avoid outlets that have large electric motors connected to them. Do not exceed a length of 30 feet. Permanent installations should be hard-wired or installed with locking plugs.

7c. Semi-Fourth Axis: Connect the remote interface cable. See the included Hardinge servo control manual for more information.

8. Connect 85 psi of air to the quick disconnect fitting on top of the motor cover for releasing the spindle clamp.

CAUTION: Never index the GD210LP without 85 psi connected to the fitting or mechanical damage may occur.

9. Check the oil level. If it is low, add oil. Use MOBILGEAR 600 XP 220 only.

10. Save the packing materials in case you need to ship the unit.

11. At the end of the workday or shift, it is important to clean the Rotary Table Indexer. The rotary table indexer should be free of any chips or grime. Clean with a chip brush and apply a coat of rust preventative.

CAUTION: Do not use an air gun around the front or rear seals. Chips may damage the seal if blown in with an air gun.

NOTE: Prior to powering on the control, read and understand the entire control or 4th-axis manual.

NOTE: If using a tailstock, always use Live Centers. The use of Dead Centers could cause damage to the gear systems.

12. Turn on the mill (and servo control, if applicable) and home the indexer by pressing the zero return button. The Rotary Table Indexer homes in the counterclockwise direction as viewed from the spindle.
2.2 Use of 3-Jaw Manual Chucks and Face Plates on a NON-COLLET spindle GD210LP

The unit accepts standard Hardinge fixture plates and slotted face plates utilizing the A2-5 spindle nose on the rotary table. Always make sure that the spindle and chuck or face plate are free of dirt and chips. Align the drive dog on the spindle with the drive hole on the chuck or face plate and torque bolts to torque specification in installation manual. The Hardinge slotted face plate should be torqued to 40 ft-lbs. Since the A2-5 spindle nose is such a tight tapered fit, a face plate or chuck may be difficult to remove from the spindle even after the bolts are removed. If this happens, support the face plate or chuck with a hoist and lightly strike the outside diameter of the face plate or chuck with a piece of brass, a plastic hammer, or a rubber hammer so that nothing is damaged.

Note: A hoist may be required to mount a chuck depending on the size of the chuck.

2.3 Use of Collets, Step Chucks, Sure-Grip® Expanding Collets, FlexC Collet Systems, Sure Grip® 3-Jaw Power Chucks and Face Plates on a COLLET-READY spindle GD210LP

The unit accepts standard Hardinge 16C collets, step chucks, ID gripping collets, chucks and face plates. When inserting the collet, align the keyway on the collet with the key inside the spindle. Push the collet in and turn the collet closer drawbar clockwise until proper collet tightness is obtained. See Section 2.5.

Chucks and face plates utilize the A2-5 spindle nose on the indexer. Always make sure that the spindle and chuck or face plate are free of dirt and chips. Align the chuck drawtube keyway with the spindle collet key and slide the chuck onto the spindle. Turn the collet closer drawtube to engage the chuck. Push the chuck tight to the spindle and tighten the chuck mounting bolts to the proper torque indicated in your chuck installation manual. Use the collet closer drawtube to adjust the chuck for proper stroke required for ID and OD gripping. Since the A2-5 spindle nose is such a tight tapered fit, a face plate or chuck may be difficult to remove from the spindle even after the bolts are removed. If this happens, support the face plate or chuck with a hoist and lightly strike the outside diameter of the face plate or chuck with a piece of brass, a plastic hammer, or a rubber hammer so that nothing is damaged.

NOTE: A hoist may be required to mount a chuck depending on the size of the chuck.

2.4 Use of the Optional Collet Closer (COLLET-READY spindle model)

The collet closer has a 1.625" (41.3mm) through-hole design with pneumatic open and close. The through-hole can be used for through-spindle coolant or for holding long parts. The pneumatic closer has .625" (15.87mm) of stroke which allows the use of power chucks. The air pressure can be adjusted to achieve different drawbar forces out of the collet closer as shown in the chart below.

CAUTION: If it is desired to use less than 85 psi of dry filtered air on the collet closer, the spindle clamp must be plumbed separately from the collet closer.

NOTE: Do not supply the collet closer with air pressure in excess of 120 psi at any time.

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2.5 Use of Collets with the Hardinge Collet Closer (COLLET-READY Spindle model)

NOTE: All collets must be free from burrs and in good condition.

To install a collet, first make sure that the closer is in the open position. Loosen the (4) M6 bolts that hold the drawtube to the closer piston until they are fully disengaged from the piston. The bolts will not come all of the way out of the drawtube due to snap rings in the counterbored holes. Align the collet keyway with the spindle key and insert the collet and turn the draw tube to engage the collet. Turn the drawtube until the collet grips the part and then back off approximately ¼ turn. This will be a good starting point for fine-tuning the grip range. Turn the drawtube until the bolts in the drawtube align with the holes in the piston and torque bolts to 10 ft-lbs.

NOTE: To prevent excessive wear and collet sticking, make sure collets are in good condition and free from burrs. A light coat of Molybdenum grease on the collet wear surfaces will extend the life of the spindle and/or collet and help prevent sticking, especially when operating dry.
2.6 Removing the Hardinge Collet Closer

Air collet closers fitted at the factory are not intended to be removed. However, if servicing is required, remove air supply and all workholding and then disconnect the air lines from the collet closer. Remove the (2) M8 bolts that hold the anti-rotation bracket to the housing and remove bracket. Remove the (10) M6 bolts near the outer edge of the collet closer body. The collet closer should now be free to remove from the rotary table indexer. If access to the spindle clamp is required, remove the (6) M6 bolts that hold the collet closer adapter plate to the spindle of the indexer followed by the (8) M4 bolts that hold the clamp cover in place. You should now be able to see the spindle clamp.
CAUTION! The Hardinge Collet Closer relies on air pressure to maintain clamping force and is released upon the removal of the air pressure. For situations where the air is accidentally removed during operation, a check valve will temporarily maintain clamping force so that the system can be brought to a safe STOP condition.

2.7 Tooling Locations

The GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer system is equipped with tooling points in order to speed up setups. One of the most time-consuming procedures in setup is aligning the head with the table. On the mounting surfaces there are two 0.500" (12.7mm) bored holes on 1.250" (31.75mm) centers. The holes on the bottom surface are parallel to the spindle within 0.001" (0.25mm) per 6" (152.4mm) and on the center within ±0.001" (0.25mm). By boring machine holes in your tooling plate, setups become routine. Using the tooling holes will also prevent the head from shifting on the mill table when the part is subjected to heavy cutting forces. On CNC mills, a machined stepped plug of 0.500" (12.7mm) diameter on one side and 0.625 (15.87mm) on the other comes with the Hardinge head. The 0.625" (15.87mm) diameter fits into the T-slot of the mill table. This will give quick parallel alignment that will be close enough for most jobs.

NOTE: 0.625" (15.87mm) and 18mm plugs are supplied as standard. Plugs can be turned down to another diameter to accommodate tables with different slot dimensions.
3. Backlash Adjustment

3.1 Measuring Backlash

Make sure the spindle clamp is released prior to attempting to measure backlash. To measure backlash, you need the use of a .0001" indicator and a magnetic v-block or magnetic block. Home the indexer as that is where backlash is checked at the Hardinge Factory. Place the magnetic block on the indexer face plate so that the top of the block is parallel to the machine bed and in line with the spindle centerline as shown in the picture. Setup the indicator so that it is measuring the top of the magnetic block 2 inches from the center of the spindle. Use a wrench or steel bar to move the spindle by placing it in the t-slot of the face plate. Use your hand to put pressure on the wrench or bar to physically move the spindle in one direction. Move the spindle in that one direction until you measure approximately .001" on your indicator.

Remove your hand from the wrench or bar so that the spindle can spring back to a nominal position. When the indicator shows that the spindle has sprung back some, zero out the indicator at this position. Put pressure on the wrench or bar to move the spindle in the opposite direction now. Again you are going to want to move the spindle at least .001" and release the wrench or bar so the spindle can spring back. Record the reading on your indicator as this will be used to calculate gear backlash. Take the distance recorded by the indicator and divide that number by 2, because your measurement was taken 2 inches from spindle centerline. Now take the inverse tangent (tan)^{-1} of this calculated number and that will be how many degrees of backlash you have in your gears. To figure out how many arc seconds that is, simply multiply the degrees you calculated by 3600. If you calculate your backlash to be 40 arc seconds or less, than no backlash adjustments are necessary. To compensate for the mechanical backlash electronically, see the control manual. A chart of various angles in arc-seconds measured linearly at different radii along with a pictorial description of backlash follow.

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3.2 Adjusting Backlash

NOTE: A small amount of backlash is required for the gear set.

If it is determined that the backlash needs to be reduced, Hardinge highly recommends that the unit be sent back to the factory if still within the warranty period. If the customer decides to make the adjustments on their own, Hardinge has included the following detailed instructions.

1. The first thing needed for the adjustment of an eccentric is a special eccentric tool. This tool can be made from either steel or aluminum. Failure to make and use this tool may result in damage to the eccentric which will not be covered under warranty.

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2. The eccentric that you will be adjusting is on the side of the indexer opposite of the motor cover. Start by removing the (6) six M5 button head screws that hold the flat piece of sheet metal to that side of the indexer housing.

3. Remove the M4 set screw in the middle of the eccentric end cap and pull the end cap out of the housing using (2) two M5 bolts.
4. Remove the (4) four M6 bolts in the eccentric housing.

5. Take note of the small dimple in the face of the eccentric. The eccentricity of the eccentric goes towards this dimple. Use the special tool you made to turn the eccentric to the next available hole in the direction that makes the dimple go towards the top of the indexer housing.

6. Replace the (4) four M6 bolts in the eccentric and measure the backlash again.

7. Continue adjusting the eccentric one hole at a time and checking backlash until an acceptable backlash is achieved.

   NOTE: Make sure when adjusting backlash that you have at least 10 arc seconds of backlash in the gear set or the gears may prematurely wear.

8. Put the rotary table indexer back together once finished adjusting backlash.

   NOTE: Put Teflon tape on the M4 set screw and screw it in to the eccentric end cap so that it is flush with the outside of the end cap after you have installed the end cap back into the housing.
4. Routine Maintenance
4.1 Use of Oil- and Water-Soluble Coolants

For the use of oil- and water-soluble coolants, the following guidelines should be observed:

- **DO NOT SUBMERGE THE UNIT IN COOLANTS.** Keep the coolant lines on the workpiece spraying away from the head. Tool spraying and splatter usually will not be detrimental to the motor, but large amounts of pressurized coolant should be directed away from the head. Some machining centers provide flood coolant at enormous rates so that the head is practically submerged. Try to cut the flow down to match the job.

- Inspect the cables and gaskets for cuts or swelling. Damage must be repaired immediately.

4.2 Lubrication

To check the lube level of the Hardinge Rotary Table Indexer, view the level of lube visible in the lubricant window when the unit is stopped. The window is located on the side of the unit opposite the motor. The lube level should reach the middle of the window. If the unit is mounted on its back, the oil should cover the entire lubricant window. If necessary, add lubricant until the lubricant level reaches the appropriate level on the window.

To add lubricant to the unit, locate and remove the pipe-plug from the lube fill port. This is located in front of the eye-hook on top of the unit. Add MOBILGEAR 600 XP 220 until the proper level is reached. Replace the fill port pipe-plug and tighten.

4.3 Clean Up

At the end of the workday or shift, it is important to clean the rotary table. The head should be free of any chips or grime. Clean with a chip brush and apply a coat of rust preventative. Do not use an air gun around front or rear seals. Chips may damage seal if blown in with an air gun.

5. One-Year Limited Warranty

The Hardinge GD210LP Rotary Table Indexer Systems are provided with a 12-month warranty against any defects in material and workmanship. Specific details of the warranty can be found in the Hardinge Terms and Conditions document associated with the purchase agreement.