

# Standard Solid Carbide End Mill Speed and Feed Recommendations

WORKPIECE MATERIAL	TYPE OF CUT	SURFACE SPEED (SFM)	FEED PER TOOTH BY END MILL DIAMETER				
			1/8"	1/4"	1/2"	3/4"	1"
Low Carbon Steel $\leq$ 40 Rc 1018, 12L12, 1108, 1213	Profile	275	0.0006	0.0012	0.0025	0.0037	0.0050
	Slot	220	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0030	0.0040
Medium Carbon Steel $\leq$ 40 Rc 1040, 1140, 4340, 8640	Profile	250	0.0006	0.0012	0.0025	0.0037	0.0050
	Slot	200	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0030	0.0040
Tool and Die Steels $\leq$ 40 Rc P20, A2, D2, H12	Profile	250	0.0006	0.0012	0.0025	0.0037	0.0050
	Slot	200	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0030	0.0040
Tool and Die Steels $>$ 40 & $\leq$ 50 Rc P20, A2, D2, H12	Profile	200	0.0003	0.0007	0.0015	0.0022	0.0030
	Slot	160	0.0002	0.0006	0.0012	0.0018	0.0024
Free Machining Stainless Steels 303, 410, 416, 440F	Profile	250	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0030	0.0040
	Slot	200	0.0004	0.0008	0.0016	0.0024	0.0032
Moderate Machining Stainless Steels 304, 316	Profile	225	0.0003	0.0007	0.0015	0.0022	0.0030
	Slot	180	0.0002	0.0006	0.0012	0.0018	0.0024
Difficult Machining Stainless Steels 17-4PH, 316L, AM350	Profile	150	0.0002	0.0006	0.0012	0.0018	0.0024
	Slot	120	0.0002	0.0004	0.0010	0.0014	0.0019
Cast Iron Gray	Profile	300	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0030	0.0040
	Slot	240	0.0004	0.0008	0.0016	0.0024	0.0032
Cast Iron Ductile	Profile	250	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0030	0.0040
	Slot	200	0.0004	0.0008	0.0016	0.0024	0.0032
Cast Iron Malleable	Profile	200	0.0005	0.0011	0.0022	0.0033	0.0044
	Slot	160	0.0004	0.0009	0.0018	0.0026	0.0035
Titanium Alloys Ti-6Al-4V, ASTM B367 Grades C-3, C-4	Profile	125	0.0005	0.0010	0.0020	0.0040	0.0060
	Slot	100	0.0004	0.0008	0.0016	0.0032	0.0048
High Temperature Alloys Inconel, Hastelloy, Waspaloy	Profile	90	0.0005	0.0011	0.0022	0.0033	0.0044
	Slot	70	0.0004	0.0009	0.0018	0.0026	0.0035
Aluminum Alloys 2025, 6061, A140, 514.0	Profile	650	0.0010	0.0020	0.0040	0.0060	0.0080
	Slot	520	0.0008	0.0016	0.0032	0.0048	0.0064
Copper Alloys Brass and Bronze	Profile	300	0.0008	0.0015	0.0030	0.0047	0.0060
	Slot	240	0.0006	0.0012	0.0024	0.0038	0.0048
Composites & Plastics	Profile	375	0.0009	0.0018	0.0035	0.0055	0.0070
	Slot	300	0.0007	0.0014	0.0028	0.0044	0.0056
Magnesium Alloys AZ80A, HM12A, AM60A, ZE41A	Profile	450	0.0010	0.0020	0.0040	0.0060	0.0080
	Slot	360	0.0008	0.0016	0.0032	0.0048	0.0064
Graphite	Profile	450	0.0009	0.0018	0.0035	0.0055	0.0070
	Slot	360	0.0007	0.0014	0.0028	0.0044	0.0056

SPEEDS and FEEDS are suggested starting points and may be increased or decreased depending on actual material and machining conditions.

In general, use lower speeds and feeds for hard and difficult-to-machine materials. Use higher speeds and feeds for easy-to-machine materials. Use higher surface speed for lighter cuts, smaller tools, and better finishes. Higher feed rates can improve tool life and performance in softer materials and more abrasive materials.

For long and extra long tools reduce feed rates by 50%.

For TiN and TiCN coated tools, increase speed by up to 20% with the feed rate unchanged. For TiAlN coated tools, speeds may be increased by up to 50% with the feed rate unchanged.