

Experimental Study and Analysis of Various Machining Process and Nickel coating on Mild Steel

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Abstract: Quality of surface is an important factor to decide the performance of a manufactured product. Surface quality affect product performance like assembly fit, aesthetic appeal that a potential customer might have for the product. For this study, it has been made of turning, surface Grinding, and Nickel coating process on Mild steel rod. Developed for external cylindrical & internal cylindrical surface finishing on surface grinding machine, has been used to test the surface roughness, mechanical properties, Micro structure hardness test, salt spray testing. The two regimes of rough finishing and fine finishing have been characterized. A sharp transition from rough to fine finishing occurs at a stone oscillation frequency. The objective of the present work is to evaluate the parametric study of surface finishing process. An experimental investigation to study the performance of a surface finishing process by using turning process carbide tool and grinding process abrasive stones and NI Coated surface finish. The effects of these parameters on surface finish of work-piece have been investigated.

Keywords: Turning, Cylindrical Grinding, Nickel coating, Speed, Feed, Depth Of Cut, Surface Roughness, Micro Structure, Hardness Test, Salt Spray.

I. Introduction

Improving the appearance of a finished product for purely aesthetic reasons can be important because it often increases the salability of the product [1]. The increased product performance and safety provided by proper edge and surface finishing, hardness, microstructure, corrosion resistance is also important. The removal of burrs and sharp edges improves safety for both the worker and product user by eliminating the possibility of cuts and making parts easier to handle [2]. For critical components, the surface condition and edge geometry can be a major influence on component performance and durability. From strictly an engineering point-of-view, surface finishing is primarily good for one thing: preventing corrosion. Quality of surface is an important factor to decide the performance of a manufactured product [3]. Surface quality affect product performance like assembly fit, aesthetic appeal that a potential customer might have for the product. A surface is defined as the exterior boundary of an object with its surroundings, which may be any other object, a fluid or space or combination of these [4]. The surface encloses the object's bulk mechanical and physical properties. A surface is what we touch, when we held a manufactured object. Normally dimensions of the object are specified in its drawing relating the various surfaces to each other. These nominal surfaces, representing the intended surface contour of the manufactured part, are defined by line in the drawing [5]. The nominal surfaces of the object are represented by perfect straight lines, perfect circles, round holes, absolute perpendicularity and straightness. A variety of processes are used to make the designed parts. In totality the manufacturing result is wide variations in surface characteristics [6-7]. It is important to know the technology of surface generation. Only then the root causes of deviations can be determined and fixed to get the good results.

II. Experimental Details:

2.1 Material Used:

Soft material: MILD STEEL (2062)

Grinding wheel: SiC (GRADE SIZE 60)

DIMENSIONS: L-50mm×70 OD×50 ID

GRADE	C%	Mn%	S%	P%	Si%	C.E%
A	0.23	1.5	0.05	0.05	-	0.42
B	0.22	1.5	0.045	0.045	0.04	0.41
C	0.2	1.5	0.04	0.04	0.4	0.39

Table 1. Compositions at different grades

2.2 Experimental Procedure:

A grinding wheel is an expendable wheel used for various grinding and abrasive machining operations. It is generally made from a matrix of coarse abrasive particles pressed and bonded together to form a solid, circular shape, various profiles and cross sections are available depending on the intended usage for the wheel. Grinding wheels may also be made from a solid steel or aluminum disc with particles bonded to the surface.



Figure 1. Cylindrical grinding machine

WHEEL SPEED Rpm	WORK SPEED Rpm	FEED mm/Rev	DOC Mm	Cutting speed m/min	SURFACE ROUGHNESS Ra μm	Grain size Mesh/inch
2500	250	0.15	0.02	549.77	0.248	60
2500	250	0.16	0.02	549.77	0.256	60
2500	250	0.17	0.04	549.77	0.256	60
2500	250	0.11	0.04	549.77	0.238	60

Table 2. Variation of grain size with respect to wheel speed

Turning process: Turning is the removal of metal from the outer diameter of a rotating cylindrical work piece. Turning is used to reduce the diameter of the work piece, usually to a specified dimension, and to produce a smooth finish on the metal. Often the work piece will be turned so that adjacent sections have different diameters [8]. The need for selecting and implementing optimal machining conditions and most suitable cutting tools has been felt very important over few decades. Surface roughness has become the most significant technical requirement and it is an index of product quality. In order to develop a surface roughness model and optimize, it is essential to understand the current status of work in this area.

S.No	RPM	F.R	DOC	Cutting speed m/min	$\mu\text{m RA}$
1	500	0.10	0.5	109.95	1.67
2	500	0.15	1	109.95	1.94
3	500	0.2	1.5	109.95	2.12
4	800	0.10	0.5	175.92	1.61
5	800	0.15	1	175.92	1.80
6	800	0.2	1.5	175.92	2.25

Table 3 Cutting speed with respect to surface roughness

Surface Methodology can be defined as a statistical method that uses quantitative data from appropriate experiments to determine the dependent parameters such as, surface roughness, tool life with independent parameters [9].



Figure 2. Surface roughness tester

Cutting speed, feed rate and depth of cut, in a turning and cylindrical grinding process. The graphical representations of these equations are called response surfaces, which can be used to describe the individual and

cumulative effect of the input variables on the response and to determine the mutual interactions between the input variables and their subsequent effect on the response.

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	OBSERVATION VALUE	MATERIAL SPECIFICATION
Cylindrical piece (grinding)	0.2 μm Ra	IS 2062
Cylindrical piece (Turning)	1.6 μm Ra	IS 2062
Cylindrical piece (NI Coated)	0.05 μm Ra	EN-9

Table 4 surface roughness for various machining process

Vickers Hardness:

The Vickers Hardness Test on anodic coatings is carried out on the edge of the film so that the effect of the underlying, soft, aluminum is eliminated. This requires a section of the sample to be made, which is then suitably mounted (usually in a resin) and subsequently polished. The prepared sample is then put on the tester's table and the operator uses its microscope to find the anodic film. Once a target area is found the test can begin. This uses a pyramid shaped diamond tip, which bears on the target under a given load.

Material specification IS 2062	Observed values in HV			
	Impression 1	Impression 2	Impression 3	Avg
Mild Steel	158	157	158	157.67

Table 5. Hardness for cylinder piece during grinding process

Material specification	Observed values in HV			
	Impression 1	Impression 2	Impression 3	Avg
Mild Steel IS 2062	251	254	254	253.00

Table 6. Hardness for cylinder piece during turning process

Material specification	Observed values in HV			
	Impression 1	Impression 2	Impression 3	Avg
Mild Steel IS 2062	655	644	644	647.67 HV 5
Mild Steel IS 2062	613	606	620	613.00 HV 10

Table 7 Hardness for cylinder piece during coating process

SALT SPARY TEST CHAMBER

Duration: 1 hour

Temperature: 35⁰ c

Salt solution: 5 % 1 of Nacl solution

SPRAY TEST (FOG)

Cylindrical Piece

MATERIAL SPECIFICATION: IS 2062

TIME	OBSERVATION
0 min	NO staining or rust observation
15 min	NO staining or rust observation
30 min	staining or rust observation

Table 8 Observation with respect to time during grinding process



Figure 3 Surface Finishing on Grinding Process

TIME	OBSERVATION
0	NO staining or rust observation
15 min	NO staining or rust observation
30 min	NO staining or rust observation
45 min	staining or rust observation

Table 9 Observation with respect to time during turning process



Figure.4 Surface Finishing on Turning Process

TIME	OBSERVATION
0	NO staining or rust observation
15 min	NO staining or rust observation
30 min	NO staining or rust observation
45 min	NO staining or rust observation
1 hr	NO staining or rust observation

Table 10 Observation with respect to time during coating process



Figure.5 Surface Finishing on Ni Coated Process

Microstructure Analysis:

MATERIAL SPECIFICATION: MILD STEEL (IS 2062)

ETCHANT USED	MAGNIFICATION	RESULT
4% NITAL , 1:1 HCL	100X	The microstructure consists of 60% ferrite, 40% pearlite in grain size number 5-7 in the matrix. Grain flow found in longitudinal direction.

Table 11 Structural analysis of cylindrical piece during grinding process

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Table 13 Structural analysis of cylindrical piece during Coating process

III. Result And Discussions:

3.1 grinding Process:

Cutting speed calculation

$$V = \pi DN / 1000 = \pi \cdot 70 \cdot 2500 / 1000 = 549.77 \text{ m/min}$$

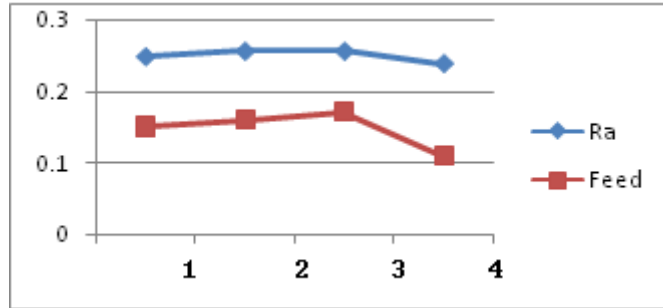


Figure 6 surface roughness with respect to feed rate

Surface roughness at various feed rates as shown in the figure 6. During cylindrical Grinding process, as the feed rate increases the surface roughness also increases. But the surface roughness value 0.238 Ra indicated as the optimum situation in terms of Surface Roughness values.

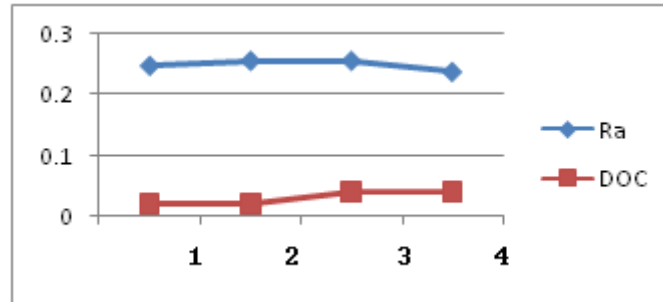


Figure 7 Surface roughness with respect to depth of cut

Surface roughness at various depth of cut as shown in the figure 7. As the depth of cut increases its shows better surface finish. Also its shows uniform surface roughness values as the depth of cut increases.

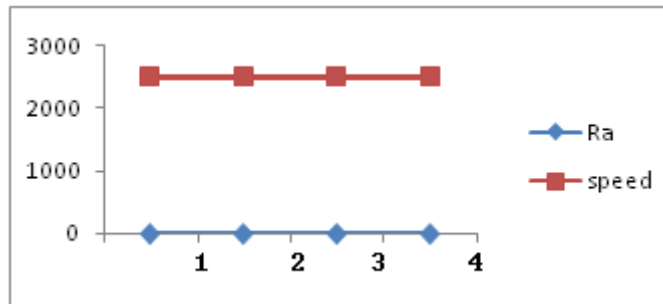


Figure 8 surface roughness at various speeds

Surface roughness at various speeds as shown in the figure 8. As speed increases the surface roughness is better compare to the depth of cut at various conditions.

3.2 Turning process:

Cutting speed calculation:

$$V = \pi DN / 1000 = \pi \cdot 70 \cdot 500 / 1000 = 109.95 \text{ m/min}$$

$$= \pi \cdot 70 \cdot 800 / 1000 = 175.92 \text{ m/min}$$

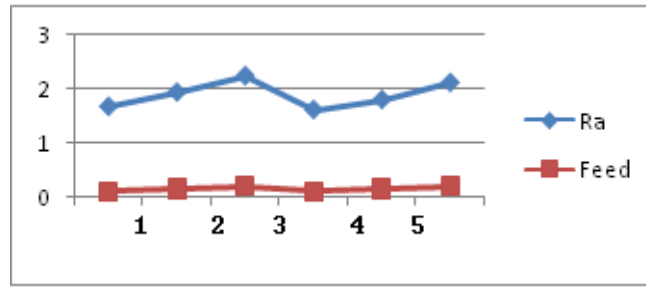


Figure 9 Surface roughness at various feed rate during turning process

During turning Process feed rate decreases its shows good surface finish. For Feed Rate, the surface roughness value 1.61Ra indicated as the optimum situation in terms of Surface Roughness values.

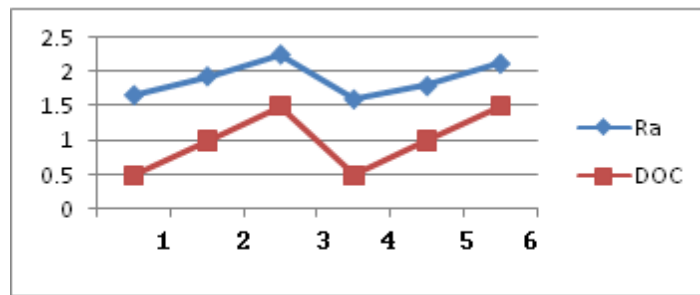


Figure 10 Surface roughness at various depth of cut during turning process

From the observation it is clear that as the depth of cut decreases the surface roughness is better. For depth of cut, the surface roughness value 1.61Ra indicated as the optimum situation in terms of Surface Roughness values.

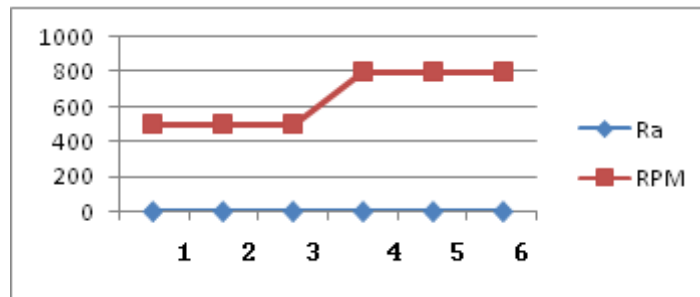


Figure 11 Surface roughness at various speeds during turning process

During this process as the speed increases the surface roughness shows uniform throughout the process due to more speed and fast material removal rate, due to this the surface roughness is better at high speed.

3.3 Vickers Hardness Test:

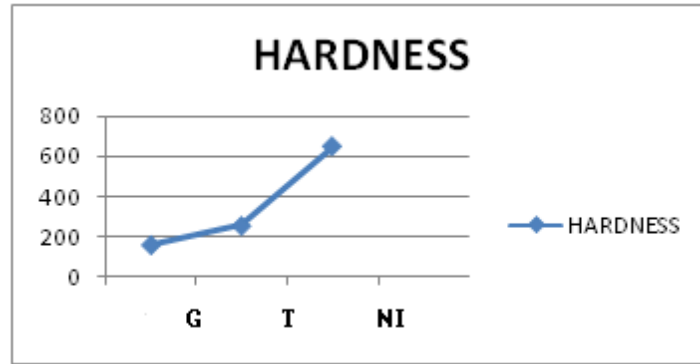


Figure 12 Hardness for various machining process and Ni coating on mild steel rod

Because of the Deposition rate the hardness is one of the key tribological properties of ENP (Electroless Nickel Plating) coating technology. Factors that affect hardness are the film composition (%P), the heat treatment temperature and the heat treatment time. Typical micro hardness values for the as plated ENP deposits range from 500 to 720 VHN This is in contrast to electrolytically deposited nickel. Heat treatment of ENP deposit will significantly increase the micro hardness illustrates the effective temperature range and time required to attain specific values. In cases where the substrate cannot withstand the temperature requirements to achieve maximum hardness, low phosphorus EN is often recommended. The increase in micro hardness for ENP films is attributed to the phase transformations that take place during the heat cycle to form nickel metal and nickel phosphide. Some volume shrinkage and cracking of the film will occur and must be taken into account if the application requires corrosion protection.

3.4 Surface Finishing:

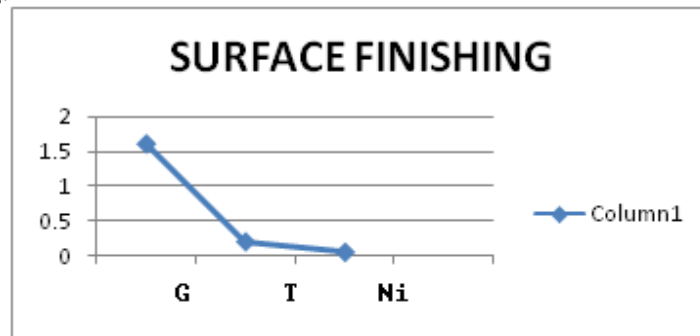


Figure 13 Surface finishing for various machining process and Ni coating on mild steel rod

Nickel plating is a method of electroplating a thin layer of Nickel onto the base substrate. This type of coating increases the surface finishing, corrosion resistance, the wear resistance and reduces the friction. The hard Nickel plating is produced by electro-deposition from a solution containing Nickel Acid and a catalytic anion in the proper proportion. These types of coatings increase the hardness and resistance to corrosion and good surface finish on NI coated piece.

3.5 Surface Roughness

The surface finish or the surface roughness produced during machining operations is considered to be one of parameters in deciding the machinability of the machined parts. These surfaces are mainly dependent on the cutting parameters. Involved, workpiece to be machined, tool material, geometry of the tool and the cutting conditions. The practical machining operation results in two independent effects on the final surface roughness. One of them is the ideal surface roughness, which is a result of the geometry of the tool and the feed or speed and DOC. The other one is the natural surface roughness, which is a result of the irregularities in the cutting operation. The surface profile is the instrument used to acquire an enlarged tracing of the surface irregularities.

Comparison The selection of abrasive grinding process and turning process, NI coated process variable is the important factor that affects the quality and surface finish of the work piece. A silicon carbide grinding wheel is used for cylindrical grinding and carbide tool for turning operations of Mild steel 2062 work piece. The good surface finish on NI coated piece.



Figure No.9 surface finishing process

IV. Conclusions

On the basis of this investigation, the following conclusions can be drawn. .

1. Thus in our project, we have performed a detailed experiment process of the cutting parameters influencing the surface roughness on a metal after Turning, Grinding, NI coated Process.
2. In our work process we have identified the values of the optimum cutting parameters to get the minimum Surface roughness.
3. We have experimented with various combinations of the three cutting parameters i.e. Spindle Speed, Depth of Cut and Feed Rate.
4. We have arrived on a conclusion that the minimum surface roughness in Mild steel is obtained when the Spindle speed is (2500 rpm approx.), Depth of cut and Feed Rate are minimum (i.e 0.04 mm and 0.11 mm respectively).
5. The input parameters like speed of grinding, feed, has a significant effect on surface roughness, whereas depth of cut has the least effect on surface roughness of Mild steel.
6. The optimized minimum surface roughness is $0.238 \mu\text{m}$ that is about 78% of the initial value.
7. It was found that good surface finish is obtained during the cylindrical grinding process with optimum grinding conditions.
8. Cutting Speed, Feed Rate and Depth of Cut plays an important role in the cylindrical grinding parameters.
9. The optimum parameters of cylindrical grinding process to overcome the problem of poor surface finishing.
10. Close tolerance can be achieved.
11. Increase in cutting parameters affects the vibration of the grinding machine, grinding wheel, more metal removal and excessive heat on the work piece. The above causes will results in poor surface finish. This study is valuable for the Researchers to develop their basic knowledge about fundamental methodology and procedures are conducted.
12. Analysis is done for the obtained values and it is found that the surface roughness increases with increase in the depth of cut and with increase in the feed rate.
13. And the surface roughness decrease slightly by increasing the speed. It is found that the feed and depth of cut is the most affecting factor for surface roughness. Taguchi method has been adopted for the design of experiments and Optimization of the surface roughness was done using Experimental Tested and Predictive equation was obtained. A confirmation test was then performed which depicted that the selected parameters and predictive equation were accurate to within the limits of the measurement instrument.

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