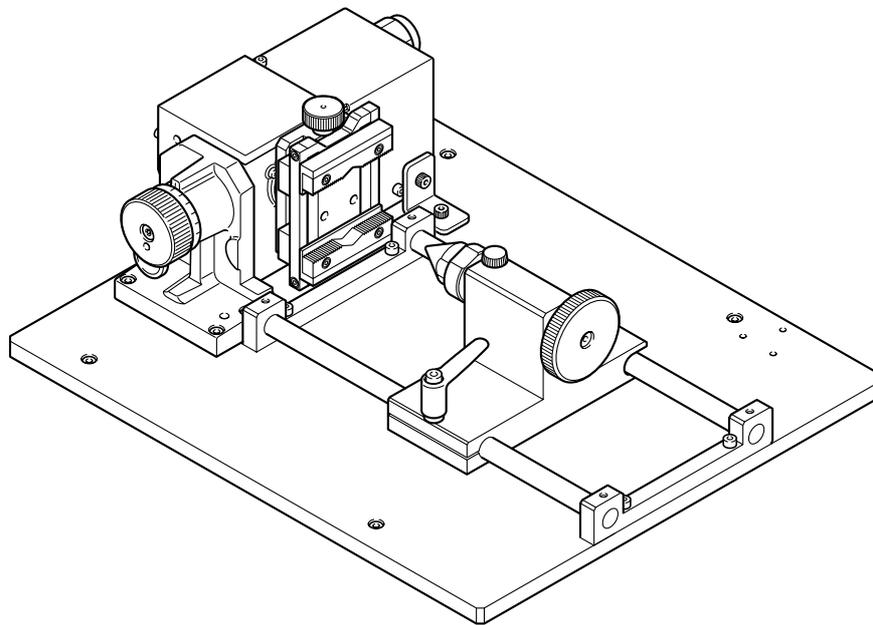


Rotary Axis Unit for MDX-40

ZCL-40

User's Manual



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To Ensure Safe Use

Improper handling or operation of this machine may result in injury or damage to property. Points which must be observed to prevent such injury or damage are described as follows.

About ⚠️WARNING and ⚠️CAUTION Notices

WARNING	Used for instructions intended to alert the user to the risk of death or severe injury should the unit be used improperly.
CAUTION	Used for instructions intended to alert the user to the risk of injury or material damage should the unit be used improperly. * Material damage refers to damage or other adverse effects caused with respect to the home and all its furnishings, as well to domestic animals or pets.

About the Symbols

	The ⚠️ symbol alerts the user to important instructions or warnings. The specific meaning of the symbol is determined by the design contained within the triangle. The symbol at left means "danger of electrocution."
	The ⚡ symbol alerts the user to items that must never be carried out (are forbidden). The specific thing that must not be done is indicated by the design contained within the circle. The symbol at left means the unit must never be disassembled.
	The ● symbol alerts the user to things that must be carried out. The specific thing that must be done is indicated by the design contained within the circle. The symbol at left means the power-cord plug must be unplugged from the outlet.

⚠️ Incorrect operation may cause injury

⚠️WARNING



Be sure to follow the operation procedures described in this manual.

Failure to follow the procedures may cause sudden operation or the like of the machine, which may result in unexpected injury.



Never allow children near the machine.

The machine includes locations and components that pose a danger to children, and major accident, including injury, blindness, or choking, may occur.



Never allow anyone unfamiliar with the usage or handling of the machine to touch the machine.

Touching a dangerous location may cause sudden operation or the like of the machine, which may lead to an unexpected accident.



Do not disassemble, repair, or modify.

Doing so may lead to fire or abnormal operation resulting in injury.

 **Danger of electrical short, shock, electrocution, or fire**

 **WARNING**

-  **In the event of an abnormal state (such as smoke or sparks, odor or burning or unusual noise), immediately unplug the power cord.**
Failure to do so may result in fire, electrical shock, or electrocution. Immediately disconnect the power cord and contact your Roland DG Corp. service center.

 **Important Notes on Cutting**

 **CAUTION**

-  **Do not touch the tip of the cutting tool with your fingers.**
Doing so may result in injury.
-  **Fasten the spindle, tool, and workpiece securely in place.**
Otherwise they may come loose during cutting, resulting in injury.
-  **Never attempt operation while wearing a necktie, necklace, loose clothing, or the like.**
They may become caught in the tool, resulting in injury.
-  **Do not insert the fingers between the rotary axis unit and the workpiece.**
The fingers may be pinched, resulting in injury.

Chapter 1

Introduction

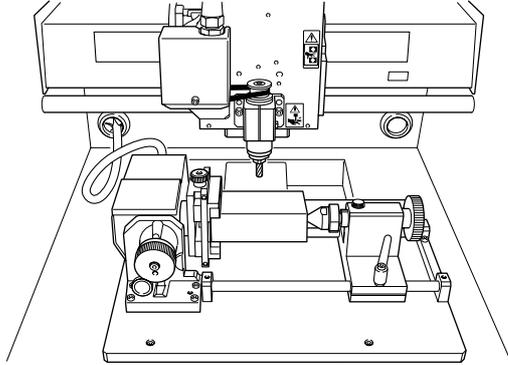
1-1 About This Manual

This document is the user's manual for the ZCL-40 (rotary axis unit). It describes how to install the rotary axis unit, and how to carry out cutting using the unit. For information on operations such as how to switch the power on and off, how to start the operation-panel screen, and how to start and stop cutting, read the user's manual for the cutting machine.

1-2 About This Machine

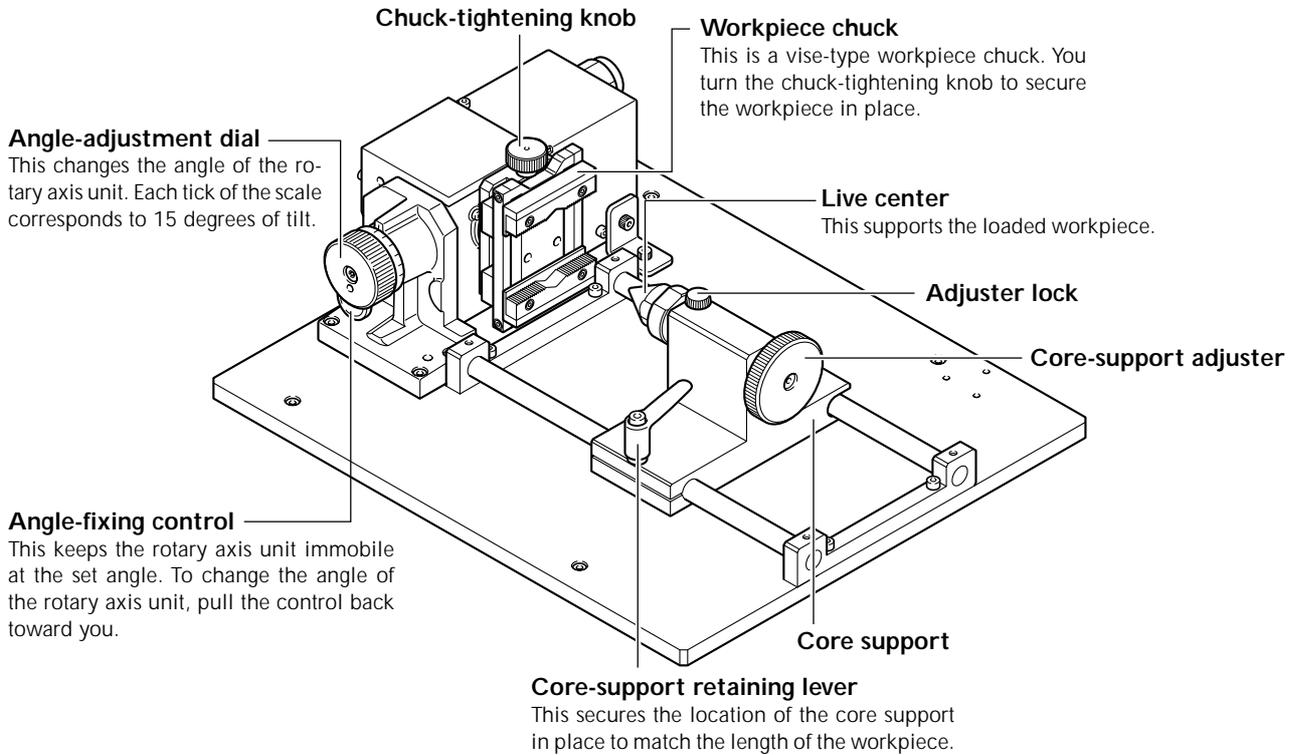
What You Can Do with This Machine

This is a rotary axis unit compatible with the MDX-40. By adding an axis of rotation (A axis) to the MDX-40, it makes it possible to perform four-axis machining operations such as multiple-surface cutting.



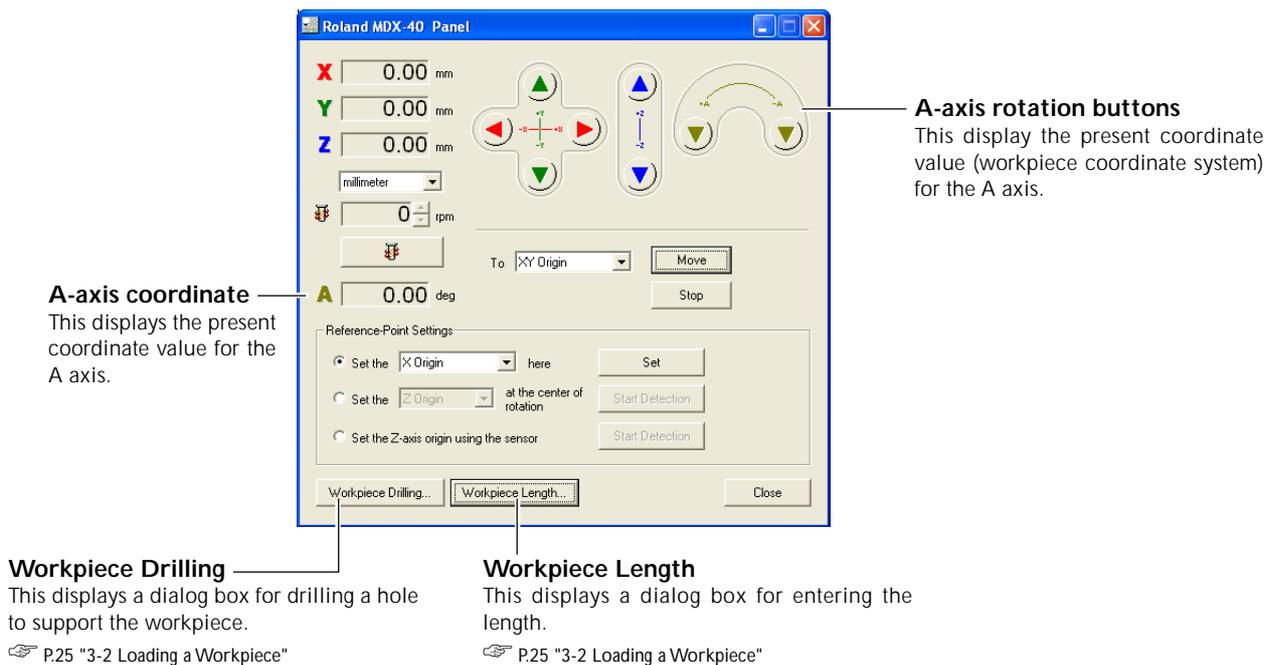
Part Names and Functions

Rotary axis unit



Operation panel screen

When the rotary axis unit is installed, the operation-panel screen shows the following items.

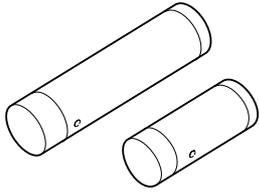


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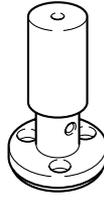
Preparation

2-1 Included Items

The following items are included with the machine. Make sure they are all present and accounted for.



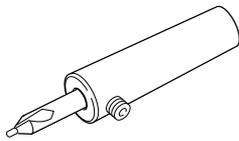
Y-origin sensors
(large and small)



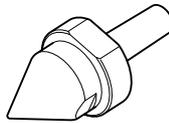
Z-origin sensor



Y-origin detection pin



Center drill



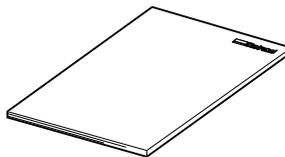
Live center



Hexagonal wrench



Cap screws
(for securing Z-origin sensor)



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2-2 Installing the Rotary Axis Unit

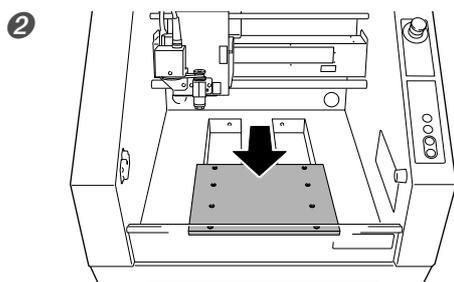
Installing the Rotary Axis Unit

⚠ CAUTION Before you carry out this operation, switch off the power to the cutting machine. Failing to do so may result in sudden movement of the cutting machine, causing the hands or fingers to become caught and resulting in injury.

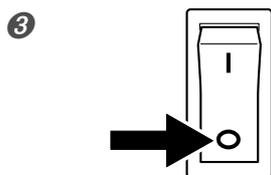
⚠ CAUTION When installing the rotary axis unit, be careful not to let it drop or fall. Doing so may result in injury.

Procedure

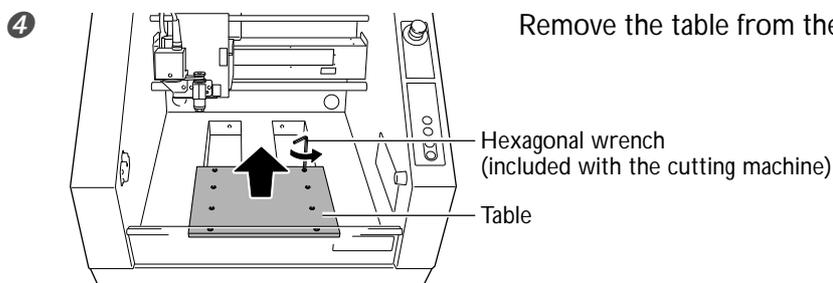
1 If a tool is installed, then remove it.



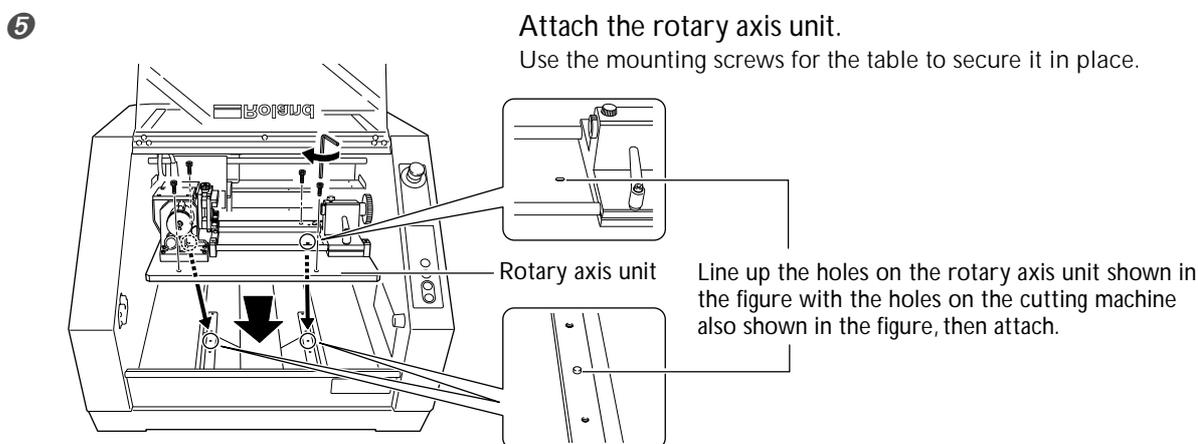
Switch on the power to the cutting machine to start it. The VIEW light illuminates and the table moves back toward the front.



Turn off the processing machine and unplug the power cord.



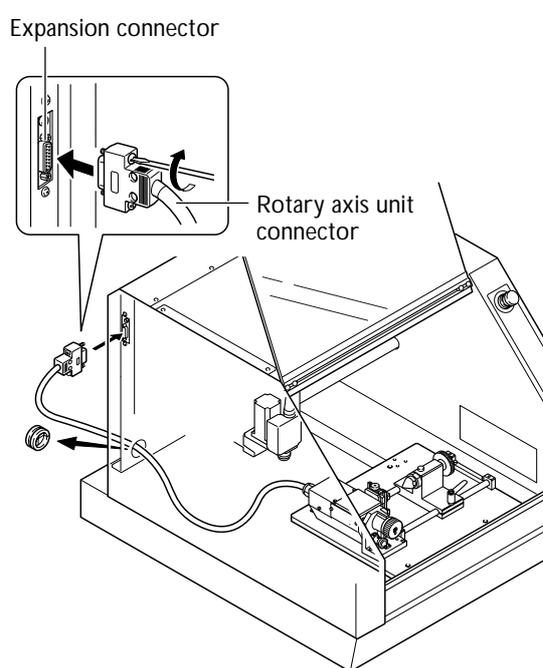
Remove the table from the cutting machine.



Attach the rotary axis unit.

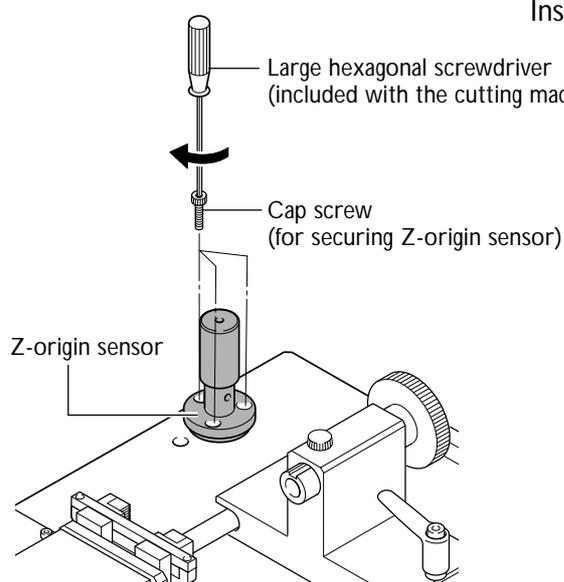
Use the mounting screws for the table to secure it in place.

Connecting the Connector



Attach to the expansion connector on the cutting machine.
Attach it securely, so that it will not come loose.

Installing the Z-origin Sensor



Install the Z-origin sensor.

2-3 Setting the Y-axis Origin Point for the Center of Rotation

Setting the Y-axis Origin Point

⚠ CAUTION Do not touch the tip of the live center and center drill with your fingers. Doing so may result in injury.

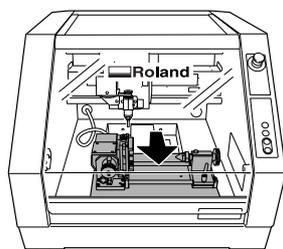
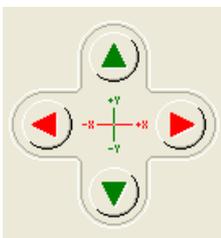
To perform cutting using the rotary axis unit, you need to set the Y-axis origin point at the center of rotation. Be sure to make this setting whenever you install or reinstall the rotary axis unit. We also recommend periodically redoing the setting for the Y-axis origin to correct for deviation of the Y axis due to seasonal changes in temperature.

1. Install the small Y-origin sensor.

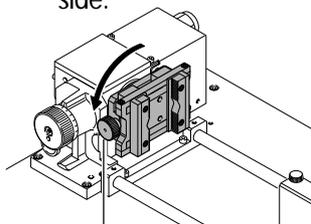
1 Start the machine.
Press the VIEW button to make the VIEW light go out.

2 Start the operation panel screen.

3 Use the operation-panel screen to move the table back toward the front.

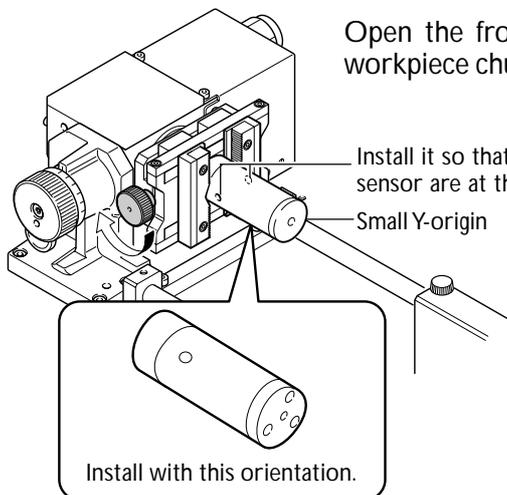


4 Turn the chuck-tightening knob until it is positioned directly to the side.

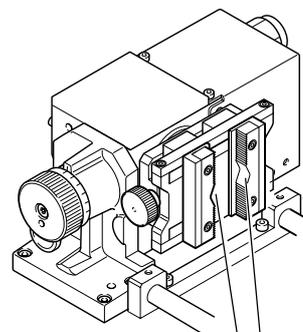


Chuck-tightening knob

5 Open the front cover and install the small Y-origin sensor on the workpiece chuck.



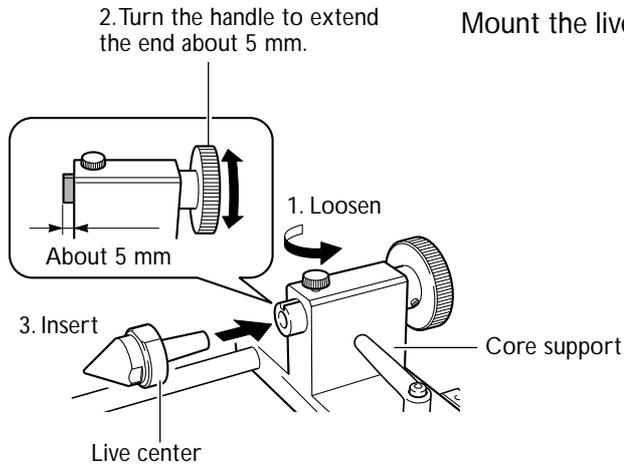
Install it so that the holes in the sensor are at the front and back.
Small Y-origin



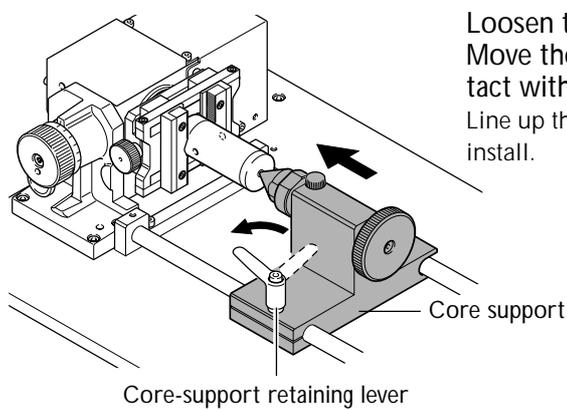
Align the sensor with the notch and install.

2. Use the live center to secure the sensor.

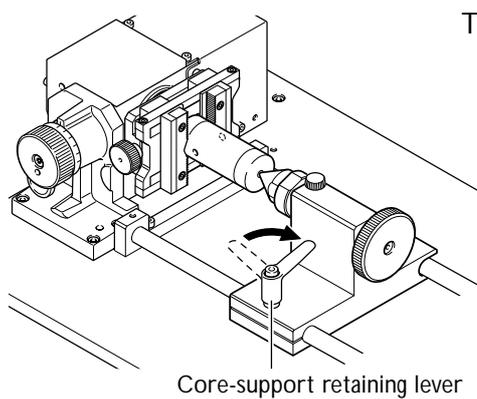
1 Mount the live center on the core support.



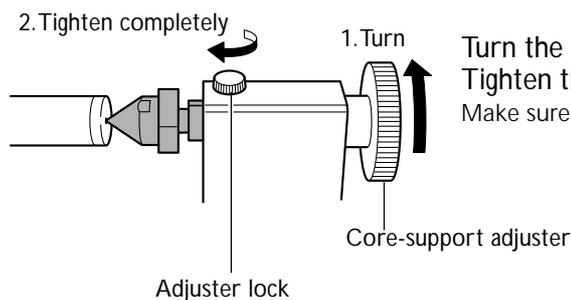
2 Loosen the core-support retaining lever. Move the core support and bring the live center into contact with the small Y-origin sensor. Line up the center hole of sensor and the tip of the live center and install.

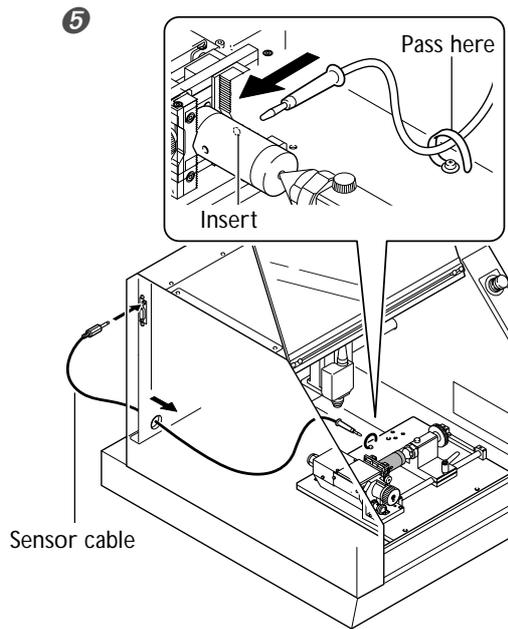


3 Tighten the core-support retaining lever.



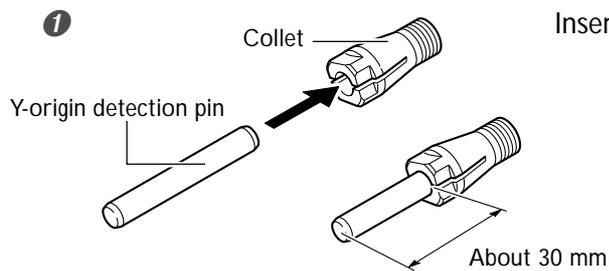
4 Turn the core-support adjuster half a turn. Tighten the adjuster lock completely. Make sure to fasten the sensor securely.



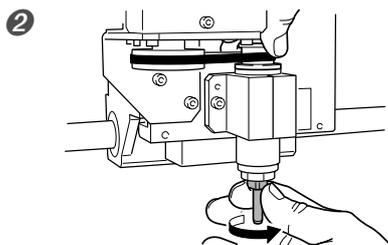


Run the sensor cable from the back to a location over the table. Insert the sensor cable into the hole on the back of the sensor.

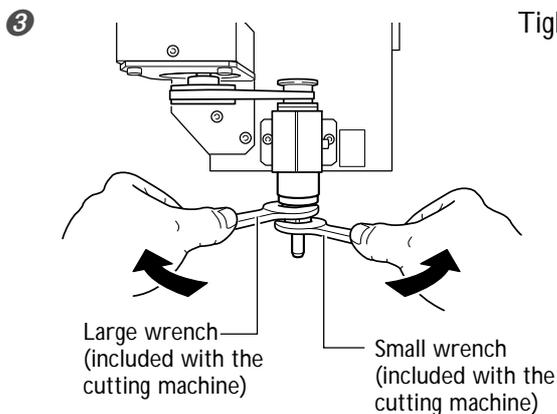
3. Install the Y-origin detection pin.



Insert the Y-origin detection pin into the collet.



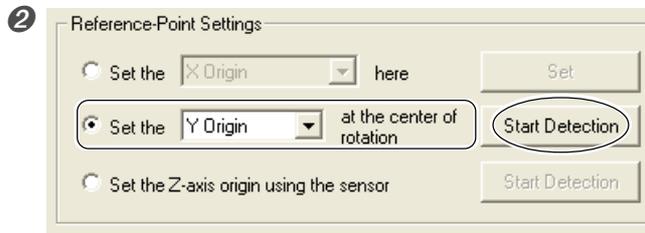
Insert the collet and tool from underneath. While supporting the pin to keep it from falling, turn the collet to secure it in place.



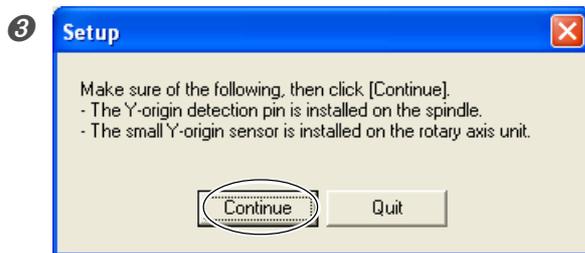
Tighten the collet using spanners.

4. Use the operation-panel screen for make the setting for the Y-axis origin point.

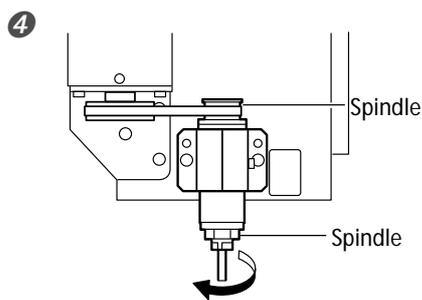
- 1 Close the front cover.
Press the VIEW button to make the VIEW light go out.



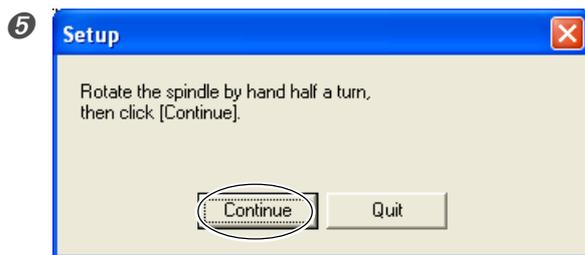
Use the operation panel screen to select [Set the Y origin at the center of rotation].
Select [Start Detection].



Click [Continue].
The Y-origin detection pin automatically makes contact with the sensor.

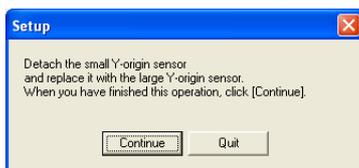


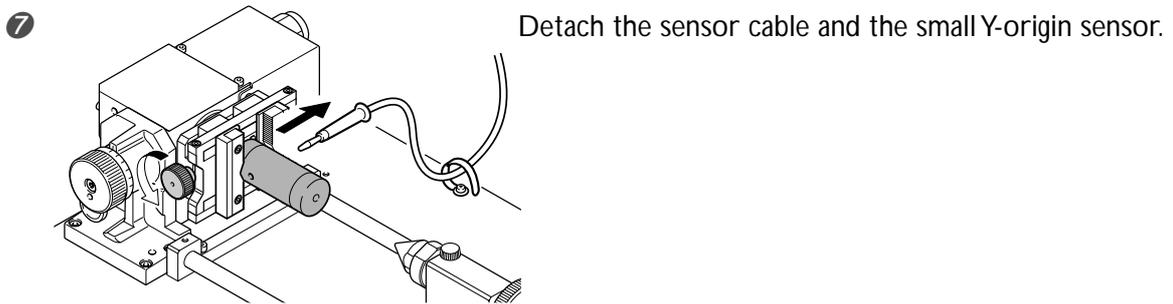
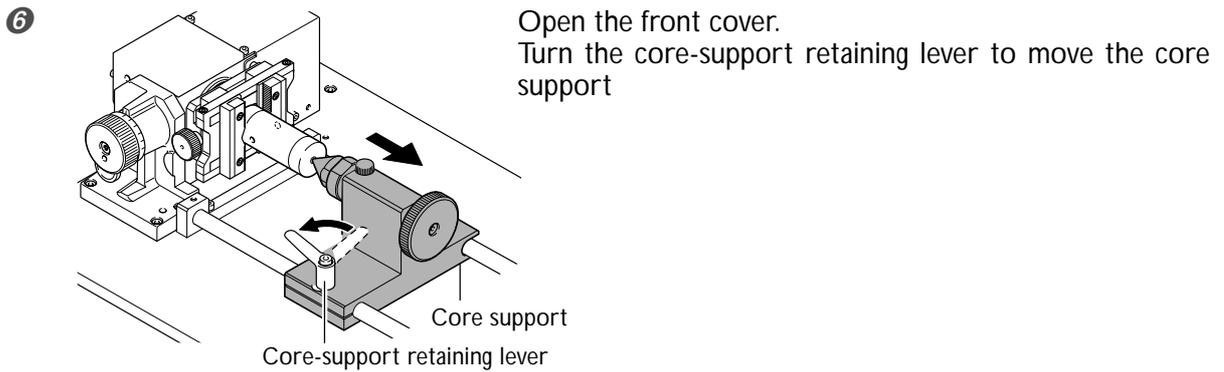
When the screen appears, open the front cover.
Rotate the spindle half a turn.



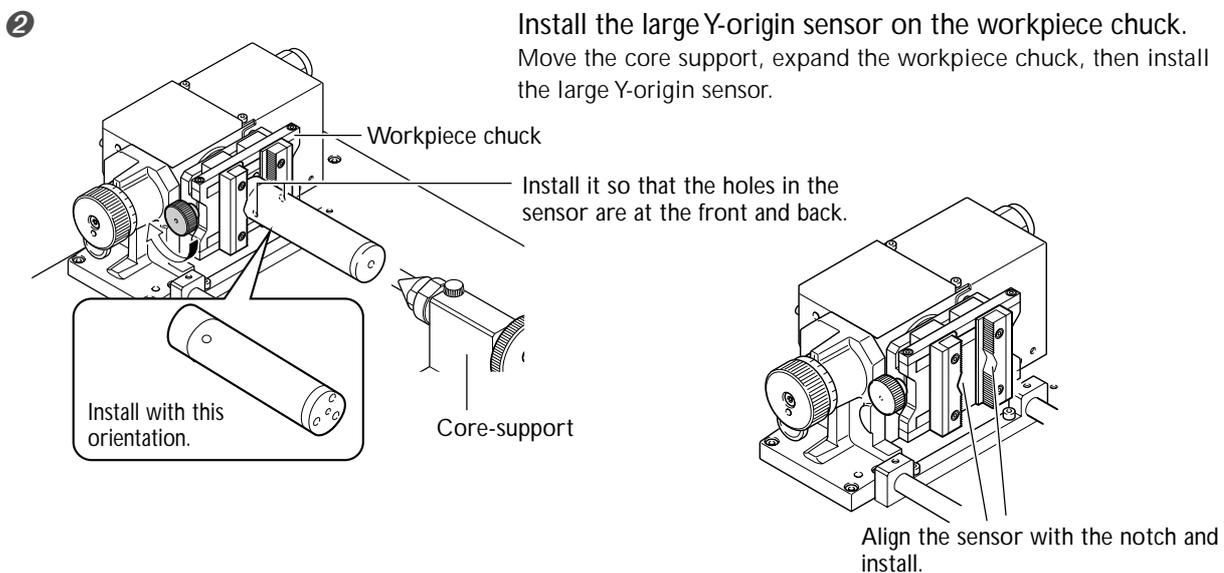
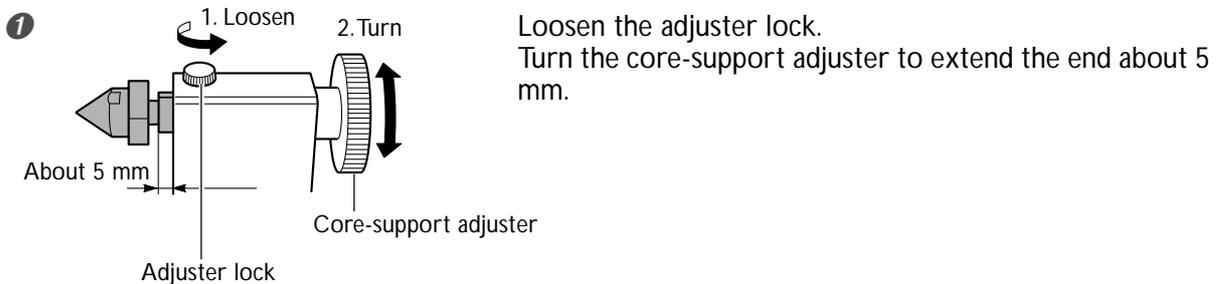
Close the front cover.
Click [Continue].
The Y-origin detection pin automatically makes contact with the sensor, and the Y origin point for the rotary axis unit is set, again.

Next, the screen shown in the figure appears.



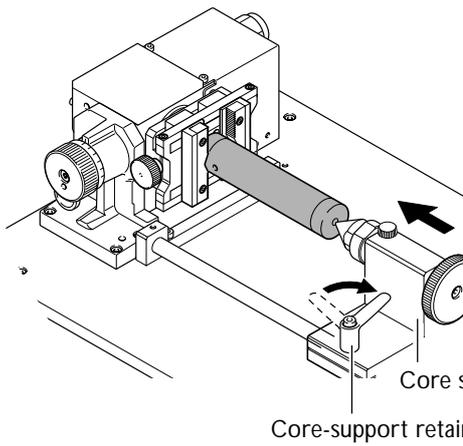


5. Install the large Y-origin sensor.



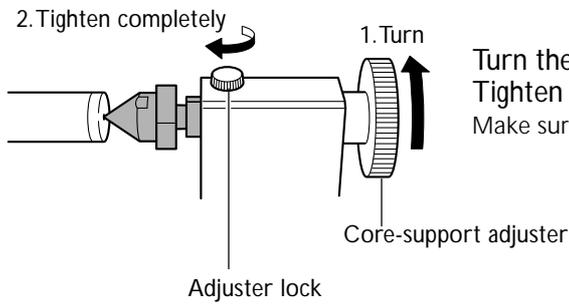
2-3 Setting the Y-axis Origin Point for the Center of Rotation

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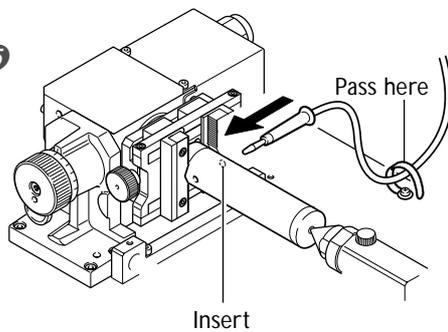
Move the core support and bring the live center into contact with the large Y-origin sensor. Tighten the core-support retaining lever. Line up the center hole of sensor and the tip of the live center and install.

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Turn the core-support adjuster half a turn. Tighten the adjuster lock completely. Make sure to fasten the sensor securely.

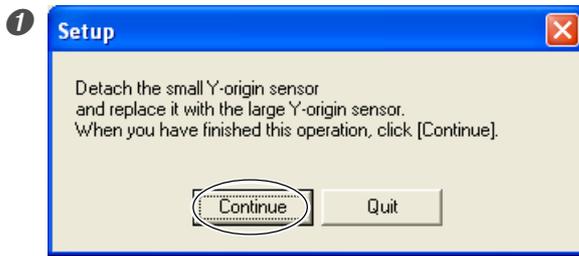
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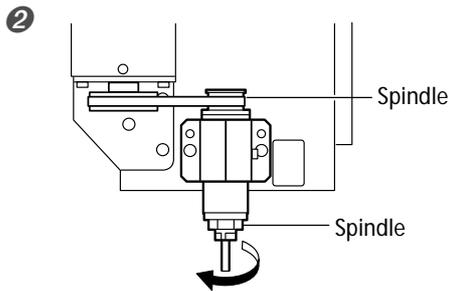
Insert the sensor cable into the hole on the back of the sensor.

6 Close the front cover.

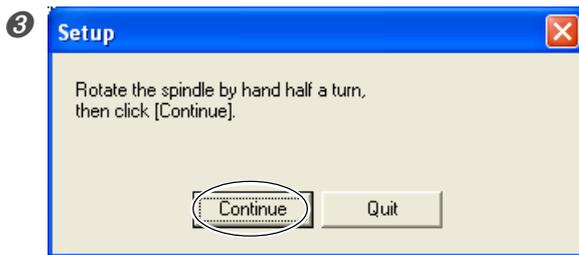
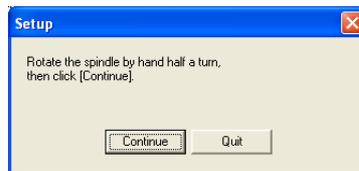
6. Use the operation-panel screen for make the setting for the Y-axis origin point.



Click [Continue].
The Y-origin detection pin automatically makes contact with the sensor.

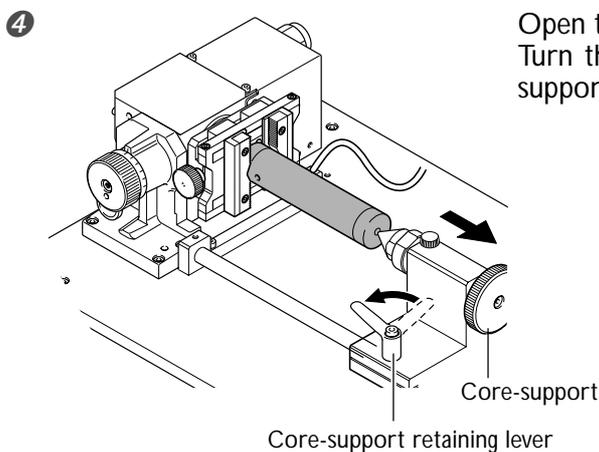


When the screen appears, open the front cover.
Rotate the spindle half a turn.



Close the front cover.
Click [Continue].
The Y-origin detection pin automatically makes contact with the sensor, and the Y origin point for the rotary axis unit is set, again.

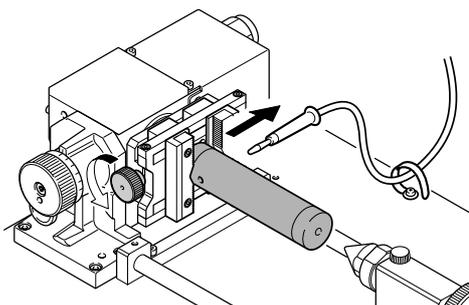
Next, the screen shown in the figure appears.



Open the front cover.
Turn the core-support retaining lever to move the core support.

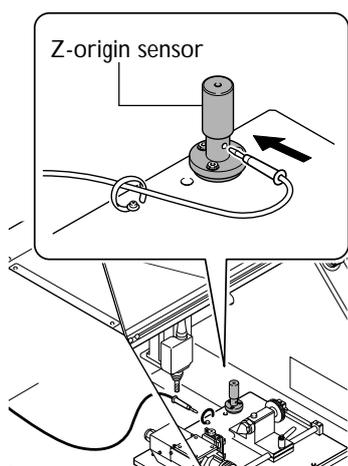
2-3 Setting the Y-axis Origin Point for the Center of Rotation

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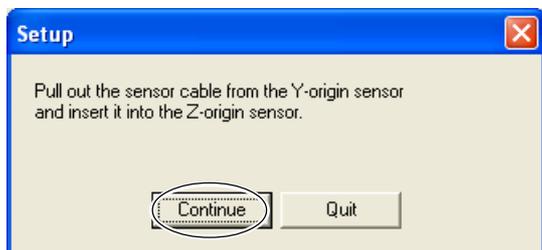
Detach the sensor cable and the large Y-origin sensor.

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Insert the sensor cable into the Z-origin sensor.
Close the front cover.

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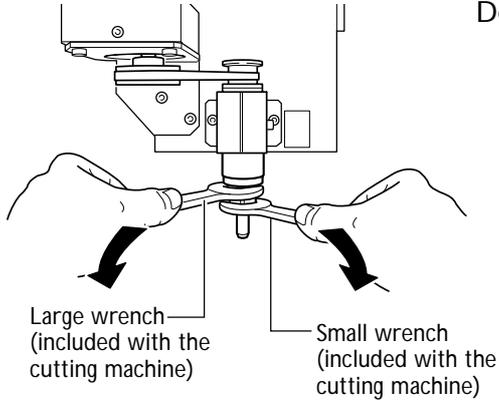
Click [Continue].

The Y-origin detection pin automatically makes contact with the Z-origin sensor.

7. Detach the Y-origin detection pin, collet, live center.

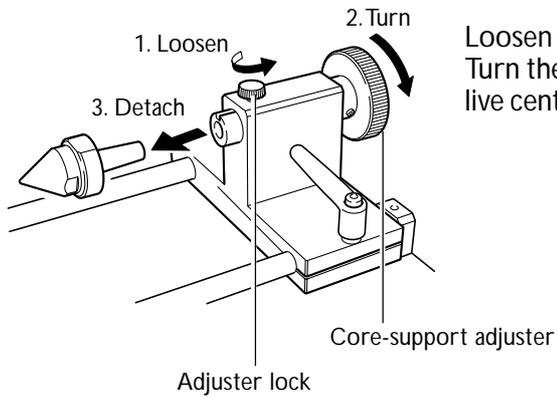
① Open the front cover.

②



Detach the Y-origin detection pin, and collet.

③



Loosen the adjuster lock.
Turn the core-support adjuster all the way, then detach the live center.

Chapter 3

Operation

3-1 Getting Ready for Cutting Using the Rotary Axis

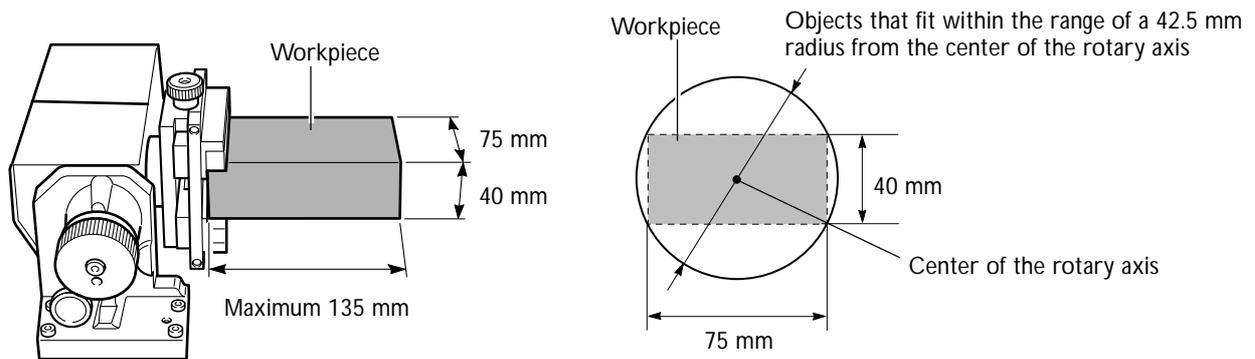
Dimensions of Workpieces Installable and Start Location

Dimensions of Workpieces Installable

Example : Loading a Square Block

A workpiece that fits within the range of a 42.5 mm radius from the center of the rotary axis by 135 mm long can be loaded.

The figure shows the maximum size when loading a workpiece that is 40 mm thick.



- > Maximum width when loading a workpiece measuring 40 mm thick : 75 mm
(The maximum width varies according to the thickness of the workpiece.)
- > Workpiece thickness that can be held by the workpiece chuck : 12 to 40 mm
- > Loadable workpiece length : Maximum 135 mm

The Locations of the Origin Points

When you perform cutting using the rotary axis, you make the respective settings for the X-axis, Y-axis, Z-axis, and A-axis origin points. The X-axis origin becomes the start location for cutting. Make the setting to match the workpiece, so that the workpiece does not strike the rotary axis unit during cutting. Align the Y and Z origins with the center of the rotary axis. The Z-axis origin is to be set so as to match the length of the tool. Set the A-axis origin when you want to specify the start location for the direction of rotation.

To perform cutting using the rotary axis, you need to set the Y-axis origin at the center of rotation. Be sure to make this setting when you install the rotary axis unit for the first time, and whenever you reinstall it. Make the setting again whenever displacement of the Y origin becomes a concern during continuous use.

☞ P.13 "Setting the Y-axis Origin Point for the Center of Rotation"

3-2 Loading a Workpiece

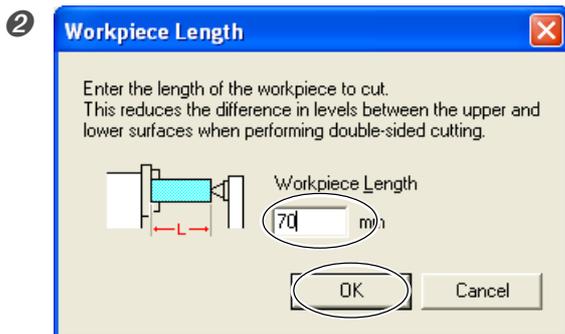
Loading a Workpiece Less Than 120 mm in Length

The mounting method varies according to the length of the workpiece you're loading. When you're loading a workpiece measuring less than 120 mm, follow the steps below.

1. Entering the length of the workpiece at the operation panel screen.



Click [Workpiece Length].



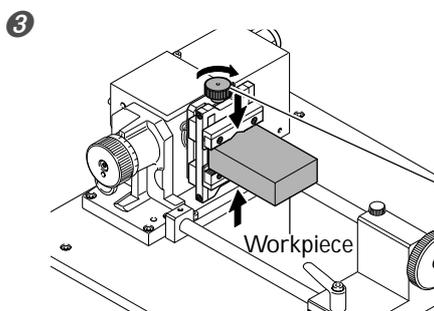
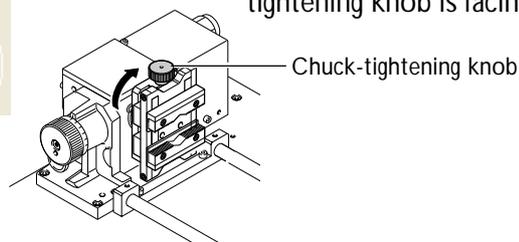
Enter the length of the mounted workpiece.
Click [OK].

2. Carry out the preparations for securing the workpiece in place.

- 1 Close the front cover.
Press the VIEW button to make the VIEW light go out.

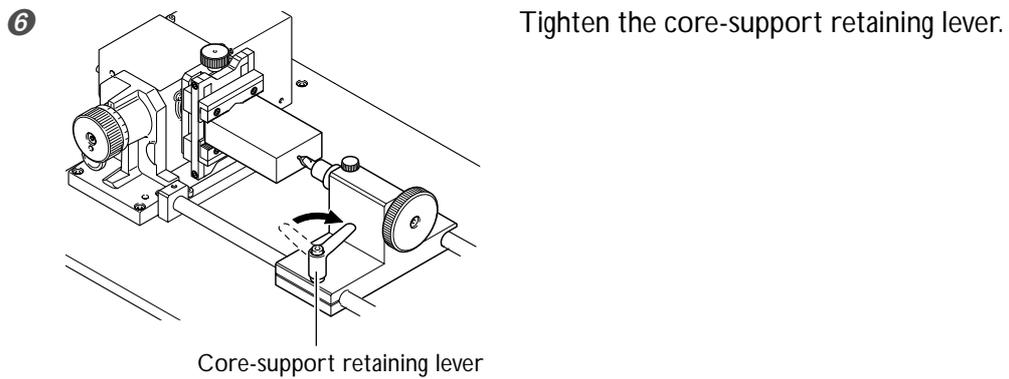
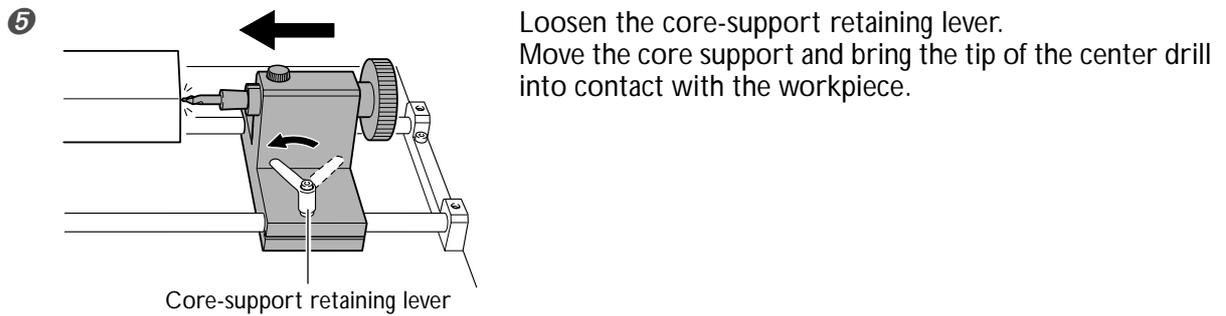
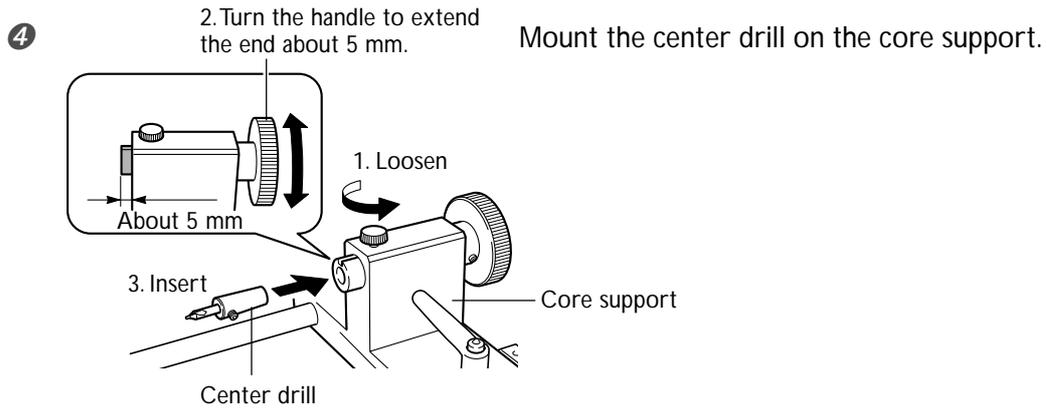


Turn the workpiece chuck to a position where the chuck-tightening knob is facing upward.



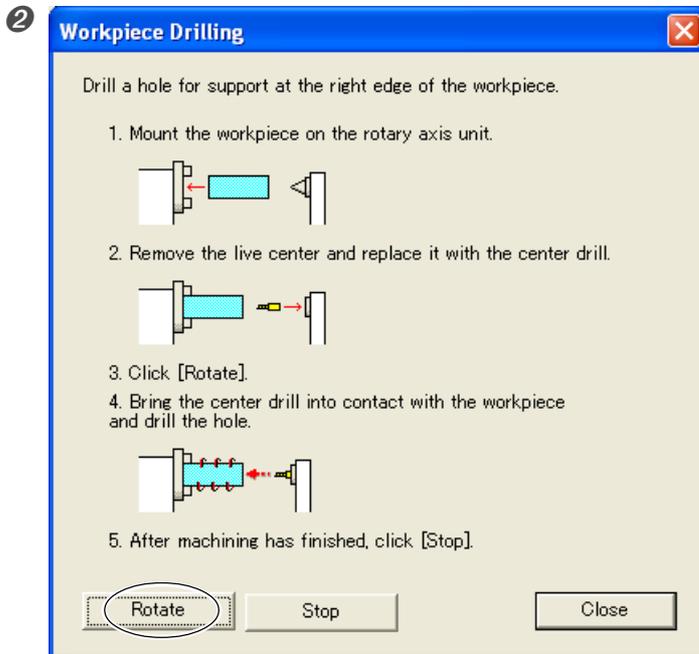
Open the front cover.
Secure the workpiece in place on the workpiece chuck.
Fasten the workpiece securely, so that it will not fall.

3-2 Loading a Workpiece

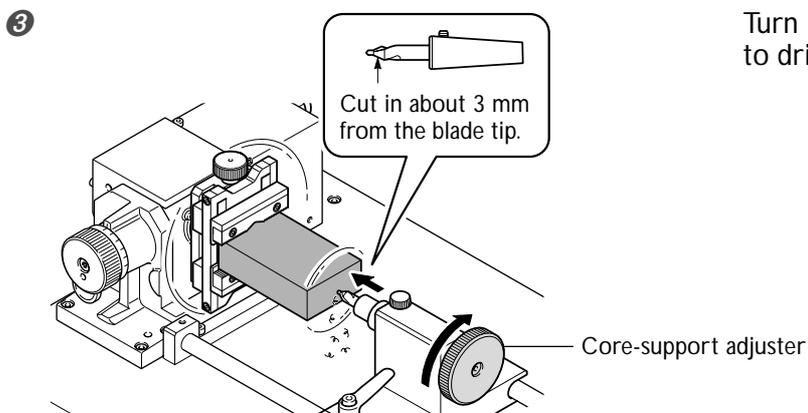


3. Drill a hole for retaining the workpiece.

①   At the operation-panel screen, click [Workpiece Drilling].



Click [Rotate].
The rotary axis starts to turn.



Turn the core-support adjuster slowly to drill the hole by center drill.

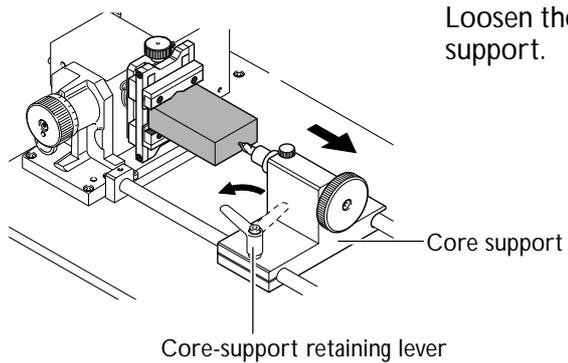


Click [Stop].
The rotation stops.



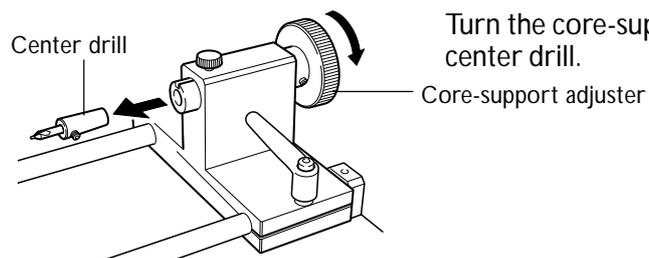
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Loosen the core-support retaining lever to move the core support.

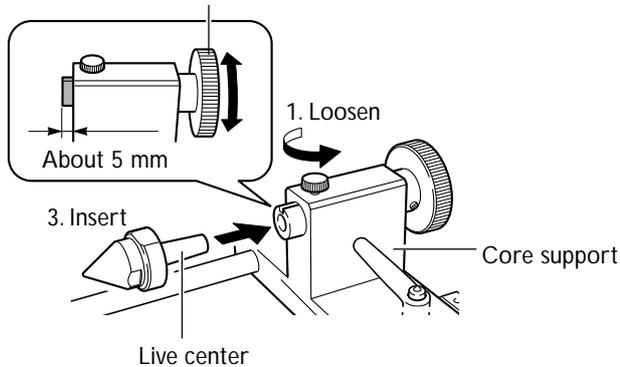
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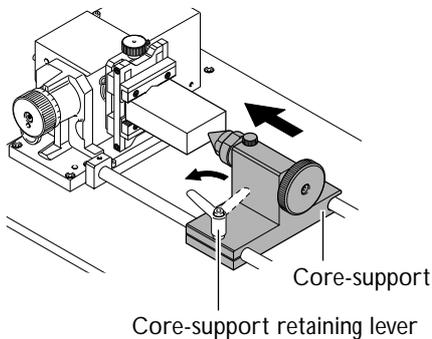
Turn the core-support adjuster all the way, then detach the center drill.

4. Use the live center to secure the workpiece in place.

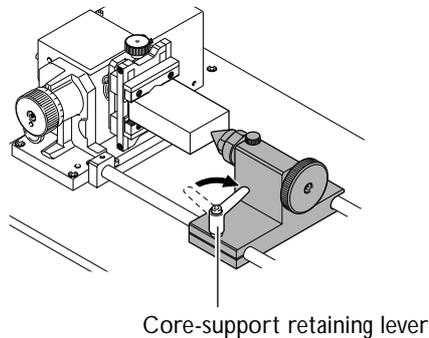
- ① 2. Turn the handle to extend the end about 5 mm. Mount the live center on the core support.



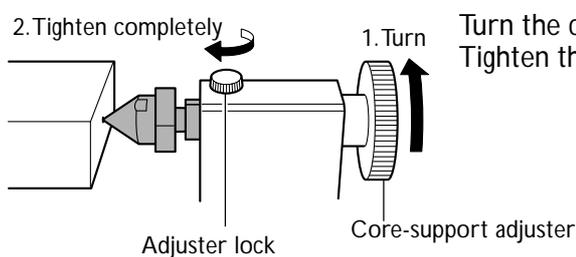
- ② Loosen the core-support retaining lever. Move the core support and bring the live center into contact with the workpiece.



- ③ Tighten the core-support retaining lever.



- ④ 2. Tighten completely. 1. Turn. Turn the core-support adjuster half a turn. Tighten the adjuster lock completely.



Securing the Workpiece in Place

After securing the workpiece in place using the live center, go to the operation-panel screen and rotate the A axis. If the workpiece and the live center turn together, the workpiece is fastened securely. If the live center does not turn, loosen the adjuster lock, turn the core-support adjuster, then secure the control in place again with the adjuster lock.

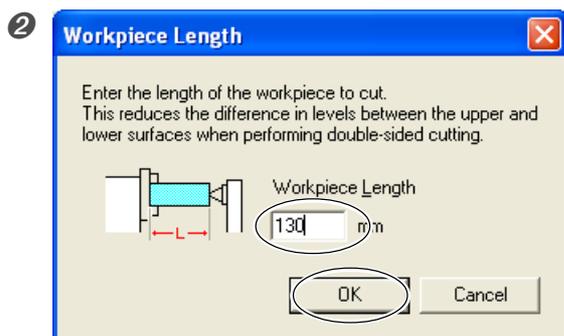
Loading a Workpiece 120 mm or Longer in Length

When you're loading a workpiece measuring 120 mm or longer, follow the steps below.

1. Entering the length of the workpiece at the operation panel screen.



Click [Workpiece Length].



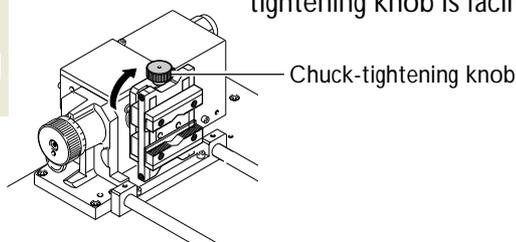
Enter the length of the mounted workpiece.
Click [OK].

2. Carry out the preparations for securing the workpiece in place.

- ① Close the front cover.
Press the VIEW button to make the VIEW light go out.

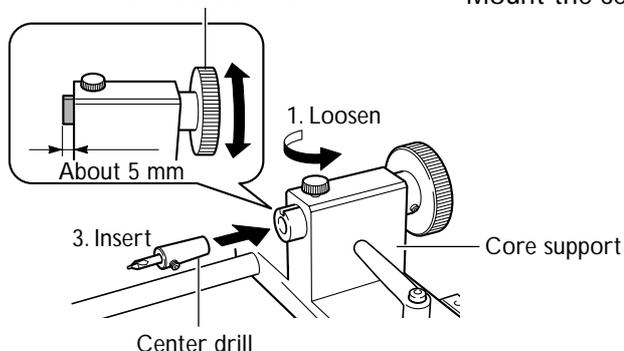


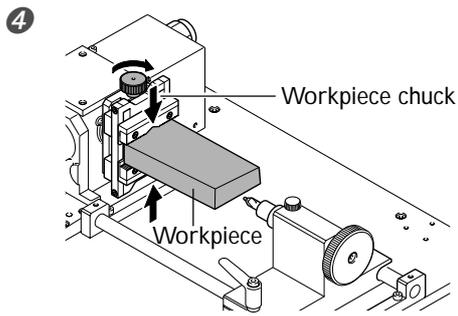
Turn the workpiece chuck to a position where the chuck-tightening knob is facing upward.



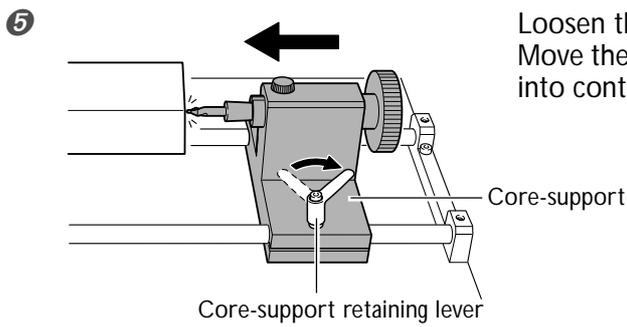
- ③ 2. Turn the handle to extend the end about 5 mm.

Open the front cover.
Mount the center drill on the core support.





Secure the workpiece in place on the workpiece chuck.
Fasten the workpiece securely, so that it will not fall.



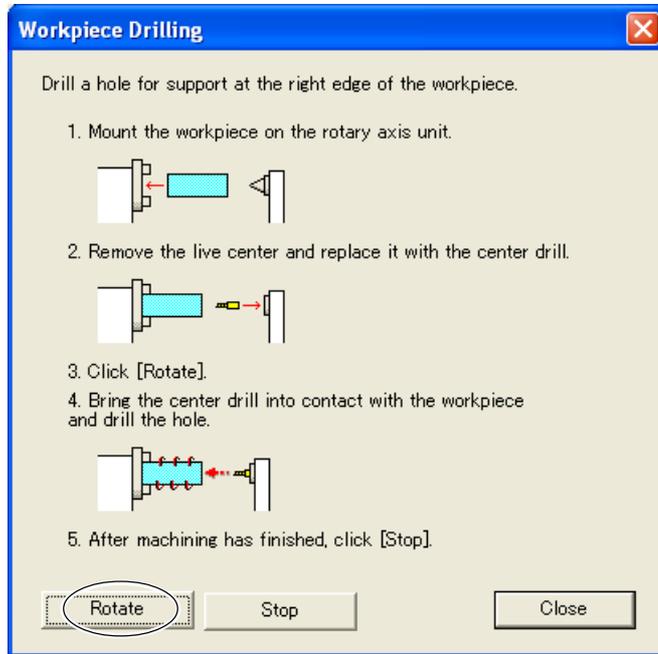
Loosen the core-support retaining lever.
Move the core support and bring the tip of the center drill into contact with the workpiece.

3. Drill a hole for retaining the workpiece.

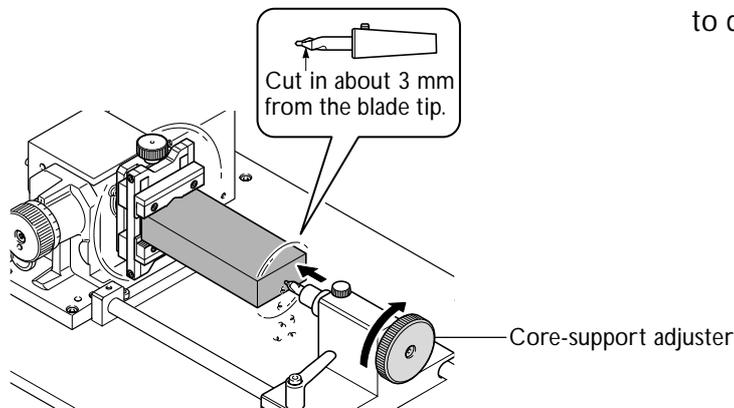
1 At the operation-panel screen, click [Workpiece Drilling].



2 Click [Rotate].
The rotary axis starts to turn.



3 Turn the core-support adjuster slowly to drill the hole by center drill.

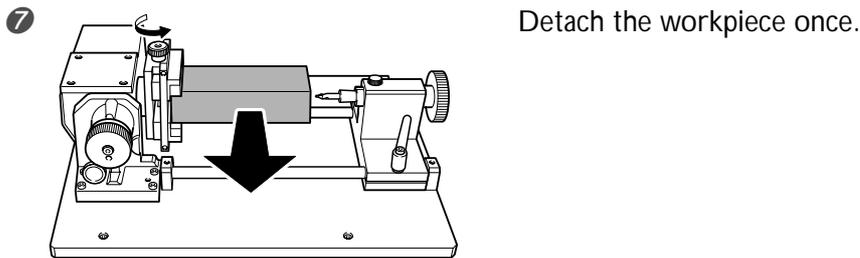
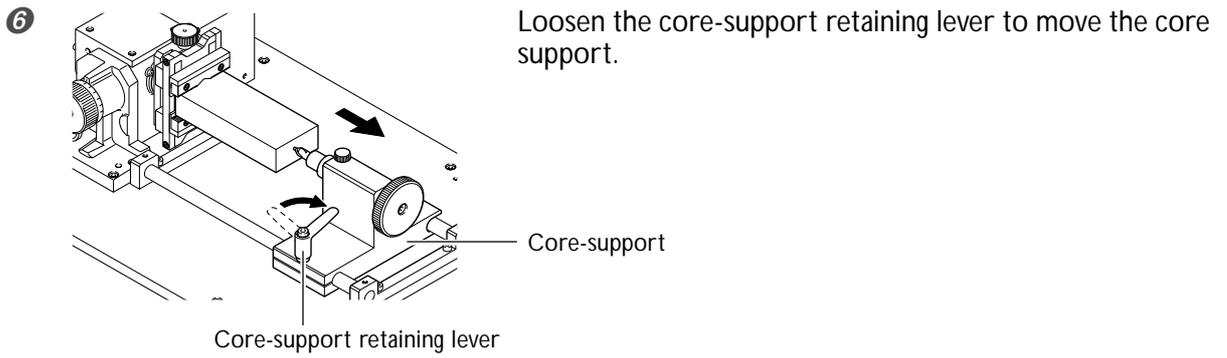


4 Click [Stop].
The rotation stops.

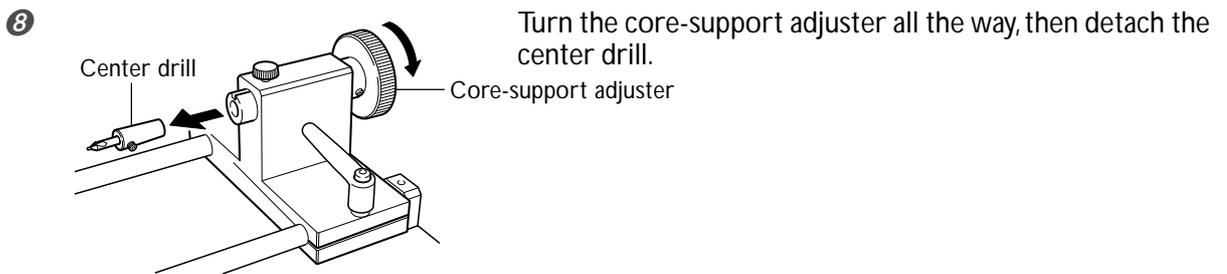


5 Click [Close].





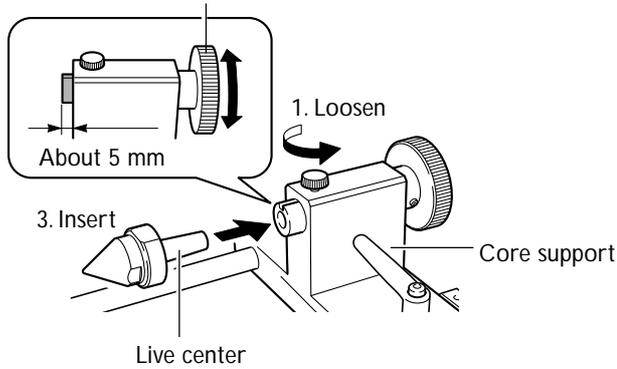
Detach the workpiece once.



4. Use the live center to secure the workpiece in place.

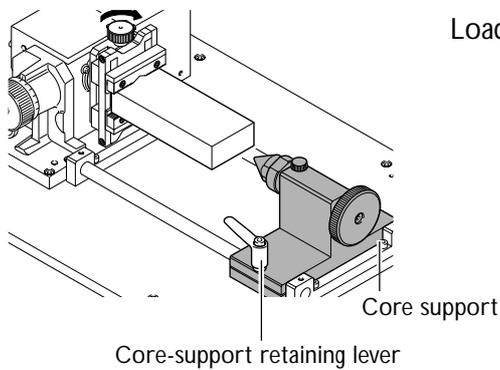
1. 2. Turn the handle to extend the end about 5 mm.

Mount the live center on the core support.



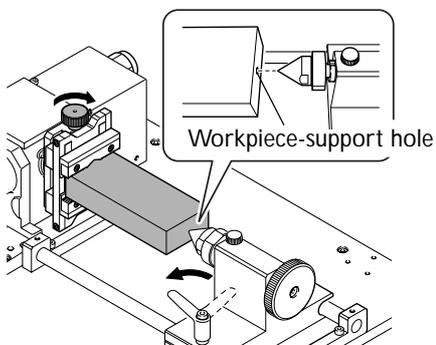
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Loading the workpiece.



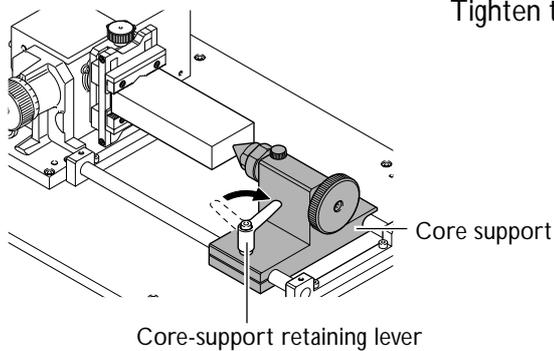
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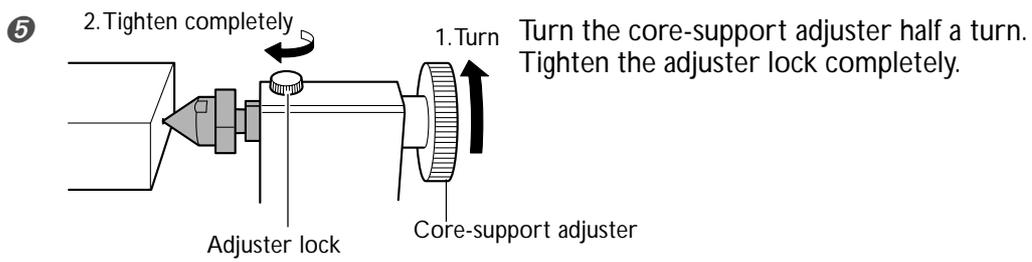
Loosen the core-support retaining lever. Move the core support and bring the live center into contact with the workpiece. Line up the workpiece-support hole and the tip of the live center and attach.



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Tighten the core-support retaining lever.





Securing the Workpiece in Place

After securing the workpiece in place using the live center, go to the operation-panel screen and rotate the A axis. If the workpiece and the live center turn together, the workpiece is fastened securely. If the live center does not turn, loosen the adjuster lock, turn the core-support adjuster, then secure the control in place again with the adjuster lock.

3-3 Installing a Tool and Setting the Cutting-start Location

Installing a Tool

⚠ CAUTION Do not touch the tip of the blade with your fingers. Doing so may result in injury.

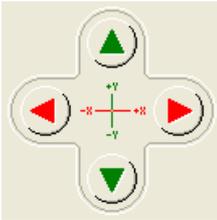
Installing a Tool

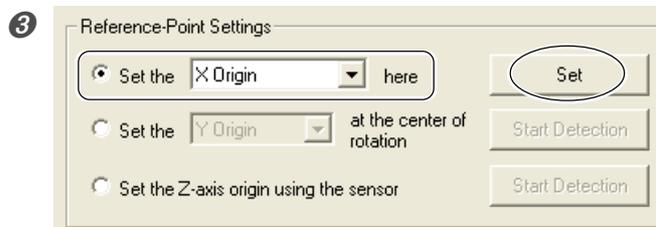
Follow the instructions in the manual for the cutting machine to install a tool. Adjust the amount of tool extension to match the size of the workpiece and the cutting depth. Special care is needed, because the corners may easily strike the tool when rotating the A axis.

Setting the Cutting-start Location

1. Make the setting for X origin point.

① Close the front cover.
Press the VIEW button to make the VIEW light go out.

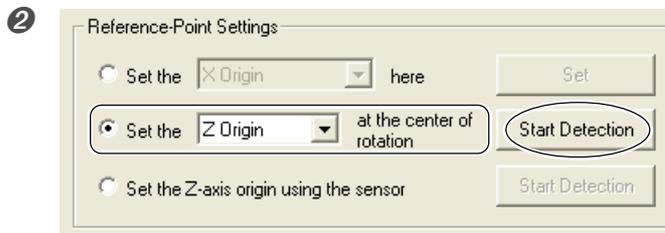
②  Use the operation panel screen to move the spindle to the cutting-start location. Set the cutting-start location so that the neither the tool nor the spindle strikes the workpiece chuck during cutting.



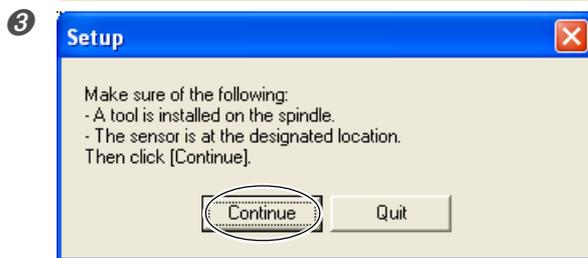
Select [Set the X origin here].
Click [Set].
The start location in the X origin has now been set.

2. Make the setting for Z origin point.

① Make sure to insert the sensor cable to Z-origin sensor.



Using the operation panel screen, select [Set the Z origin at the center of rotation].
Select [Start Detection].



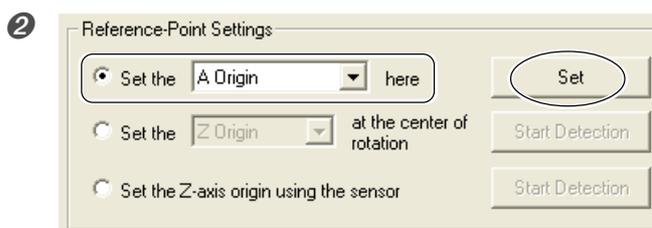
Click [Continue].

The tool automatically makes contact with the sensor, and the Z-axis origin point is set.

3. Make the setting for A origin point.



Use the operation-panel screen to rotate the workpiece to the cutting-start location.



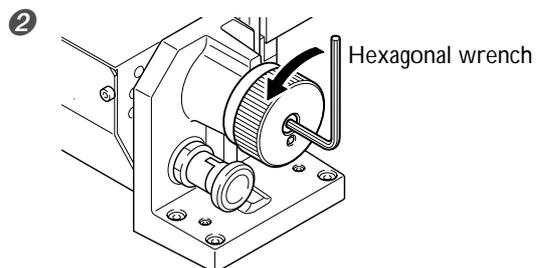
Select [Set the A origin here].

Click [Set].

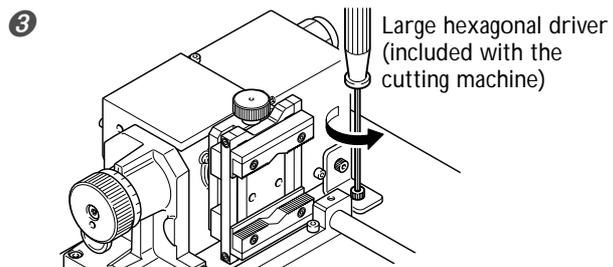
The start location in the A origin has now been set.

3-4 Changing the Angle of Cutting

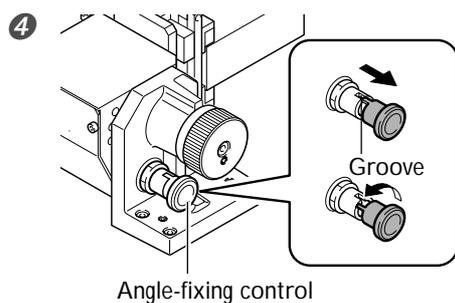
1 If the cutter installed, detach it.



Loosen the screws shown in the figure.

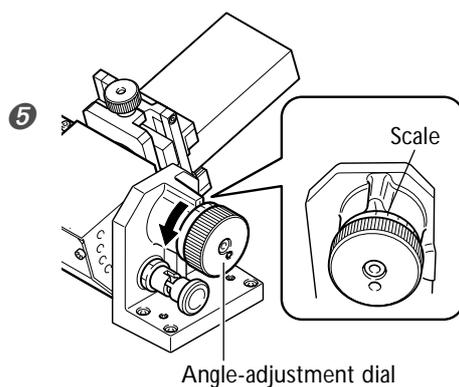


Detach the screw shown in the figure.



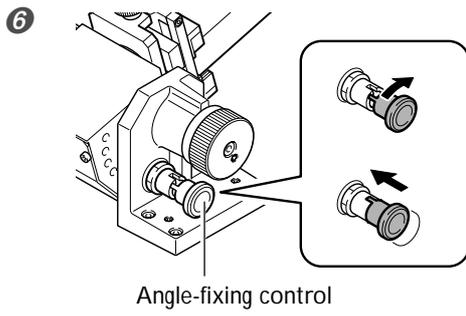
Pull the angle-fixing control.

Turn to a position not lined up with the groove.

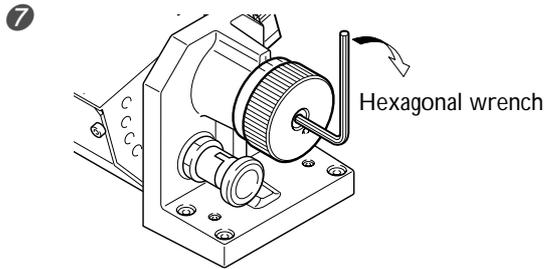


Turn to align with the scale on the angle-adjustment dial.

Each tick of the scale corresponds to 15 degrees of tilt.



Press the angle-fixing control.
When it clicks into place, the rotary axis is secured in position.



Tighten the screws shown in the figure.

Chapter 4

Appendix

4-1 Maintenance

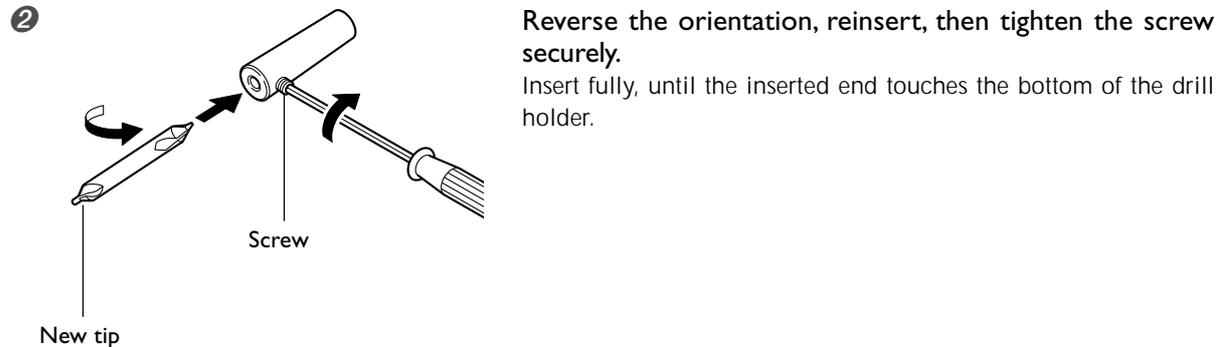
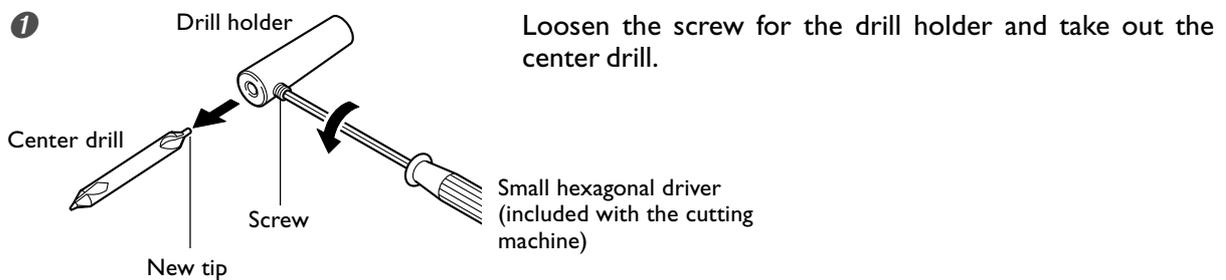
Daily Care

- This machine is a precision device, and is sensitive to dust and dirt. Perform cleaning on a daily basis.
- Never use a solvent such as thinner or benzene.
- Clean cuttings carefully.
- To clean the cover, use a dry cloth to wipe it.
- Never attempt to oil or lubricate the machine.

Replacing the Center Drill

If the tip of the center drill becomes worn, change the orientation of the tip.

Replacement



4-2 What to Do If

The machine doesn't run.

Is the rotary axis unit cable connected?

Connect the rotary axis unit cable securely.

The cutting results are not attractive.

Has correction of the origin point for the rotary axis been performed?

If the origin point for the rotary axis unit is displaced, the cutting results may show seams or differences in level, or the shape may be irregular. Also, overall thickness may be uneven, or uncut areas may remain. If this happens, then redo the setting for the rotary-axis origin point.

 P.13 "Setting the Y-axis Origin Point for the Center of Rotation"

What to Do If an Error Message Appears

[A-axis limit-switch error. Please switch off machine power.]

An error occurred during initialization of the machine.

This message may appear if head movement is obstructed during initialization at startup. Switch the power off, then back on.

Redo the setting the Y origin point at the center of rotation

Setting the Y-axis origin at the center of the rotary axis.

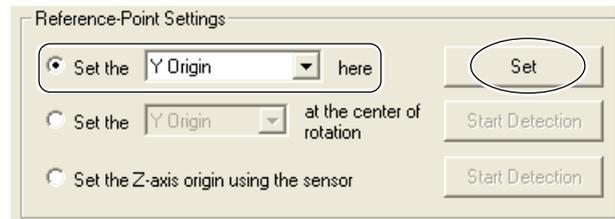
1. Close the front cover.
Press the VIEW button to make the VIEW light go out.

2. Use the operation panel screen to select [To Y Center].
Click [Move].

The spindle moves to the center of the rotary axis.



3. Select [Set the Y origin here].
Click [Set].



4-3 Specifications

Main Unit Specifications

	ZCL-40
Maximum angle of rotation	$\pm 18 \times 10^5$ (± 5000 rotations)
Loadable workpiece size*	Items within the range of a 42.5 mm (1-11/16 in.) radius from the center of the rotary axis by long 135 mm (5-3/8 in.)
Workpiece thickness holdable by workpiece chuck	12 to 40 mm (1/2 to 1-5/8 in.)
Loadable workpiece weight	0.5 Kg (1.1 lb) (Maximum workpiece moment of inertia 6×10^{-4} kgm ²)
Control methods	4-axis control (3-axis simultaneous control)
Feed rate	11.79 rpm
Mechanical resolution	0.0225 deg.
Rotary-axis tilt angle	0 deg. to 90 deg. (in increments of 15 deg.)
Dimensions	357 (W) x 305 (D) x 129 (H) mm (14-1/16 (W) x 12 (D) x 5-1/8 (H) in.)
Weight	6.2 Kg (13.7 lb)
Packed dimensions	490 (W) x 440 (D) x 260 (H) mm (19-3/8 (W) x 17-3/8 (D) x 10-1/4 (H) in.)
Packed weight	9 Kg (20 lb)
Accessories	Y-origin sensors (large and small), Z-origin sensor, Y-origin detection pin, center drill, live center, hexagonal wrench, cap screws (for securing Z-origin sensor), user's manual

The cutting range of the MDX-40 when installed with ZCL-40 rotary axis unit is as follows.

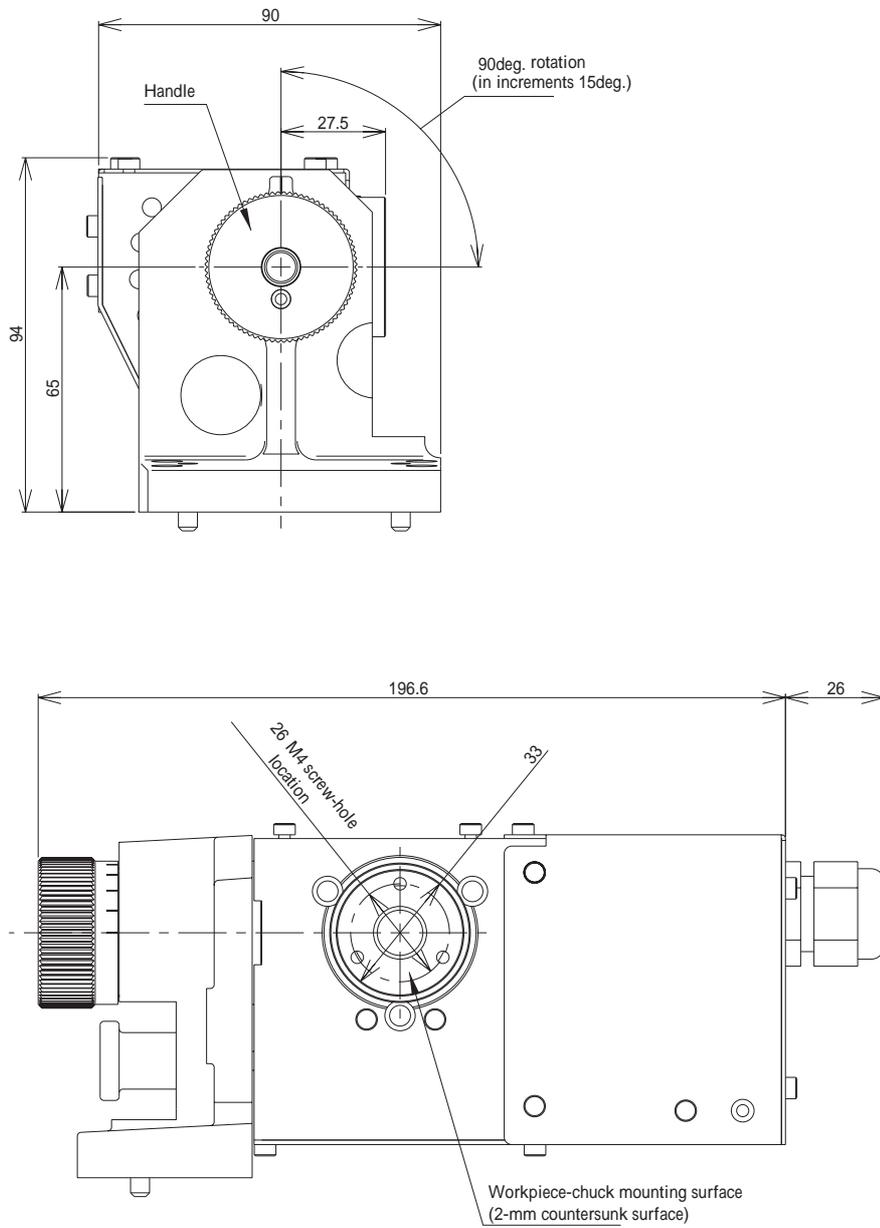
189.5 (X) x 305 (Y) x 60 (Z) mm
(7-1/2 (X) x 12 (Y) x 2-3/8 (Z) in.)

*The range that can actually be cut is limited by the following factors.

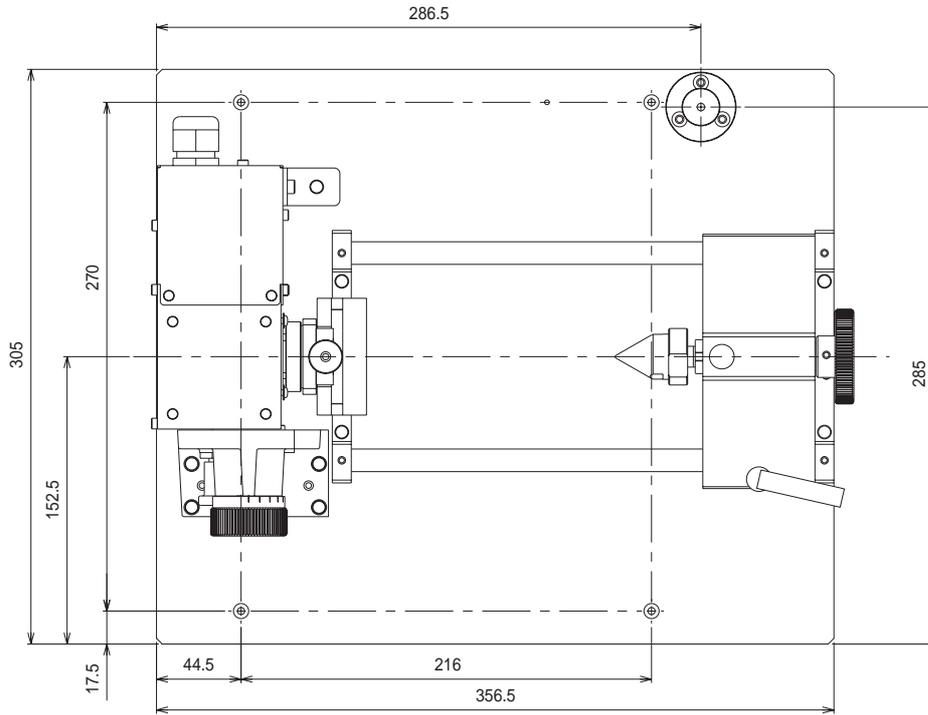
- Amount of tool extension
- Interference between the loaded workpiece and the tool or spindle

Rotary Axis Unit Schematic

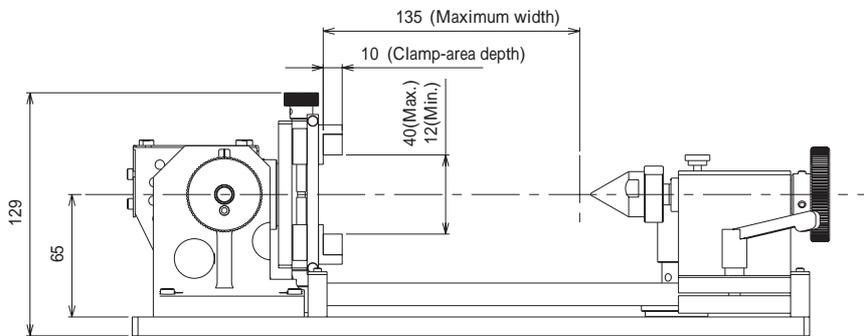
Unit : mm



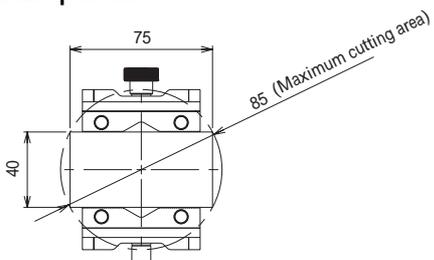
Rotary Axis Unit Schematic (Top View)



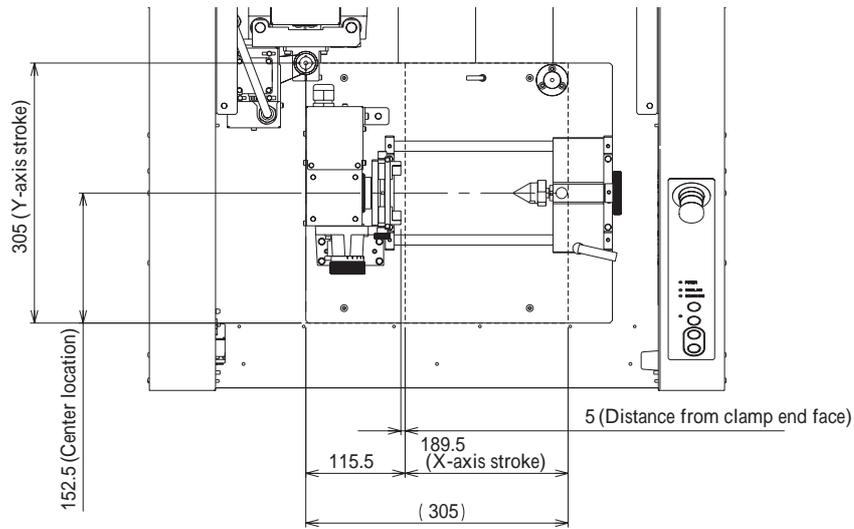
Rotary Axis Unit Schematic (Front View)



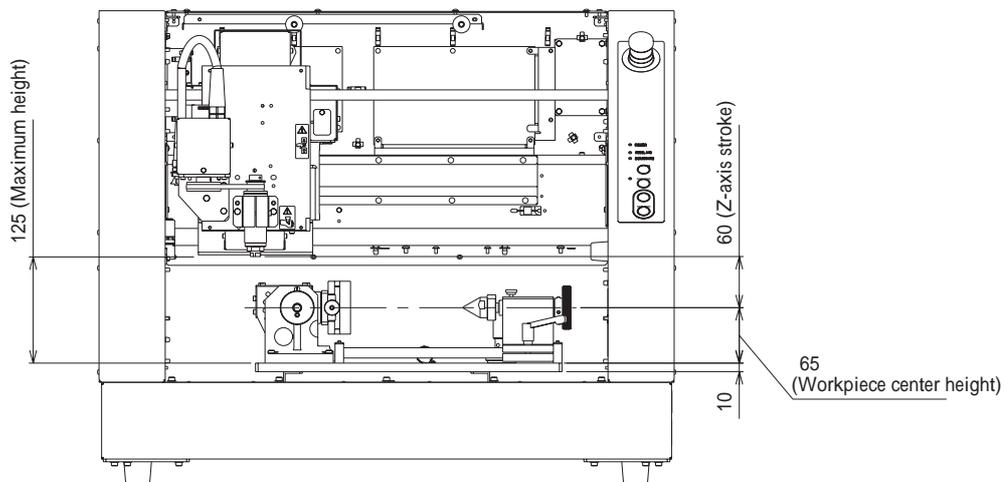
Clamp area



Installed on the MDX-40 (Top View)



Installed on the MDX-40 (Front View)





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