REGRINDING & RECOATING OF SOLID CARBIDE TOOL

1. Regrinding of Solid Carbide Tools

Regrinding restores the cutting edges of the tool to their original geometry, improving performance and enabling reuse.



Steps Involved:

1. Inspection:

Assess the tool's condition to determine if it is suitable for regrinding.
Tools with severe wear, chipping, or breakage may not be salvageable.

2. Preparation:

o Clean the tool to remove any cutting fluid, debris, or material buildup.

3. Precision Grinding:

- Use CNC tool grinding machines equipped with diamond grinding wheels to restore the tool's geometry, cutting edges, and dimensions.
- Follow the original tool design specifications for proper geometry and tolerances.

4. Quality Check:

Inspect the reground tool for accuracy, concentricity, and sharpness.
High precision is crucial for maintaining machining performance.

Benefits of Regrinding:

- Cost savings compared to purchasing new tools.
- Reduced waste and environmental impact.
- Consistent machining quality and performance.

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2. Recoating of Solid Carbide Tools

Recoating restores the protective layer on the tool, which is critical for improving wear resistance, reducing friction, and enhancing tool life.

Steps Involved:

1. Surface Preparation:

- Stripping: Remove the worn coating using chemical or mechanical methods without damaging the tool substrate.
- Cleaning: Thoroughly clean the tool to eliminate contaminants, ensuring proper adhesion of the new coating.

2. Recoating:

- Apply a new coating layer using advanced techniques such as PVD (Physical Vapor Deposition) or CVD (Chemical Vapor Deposition).
- Common coatings include Titanium Nitride (TiN), Titanium Aluminum Nitride (TiAlN), and Diamond-like Carbon (DLC), depending on the application and material being machined.

3. Post-Coating Treatment:

 Perform finishing processes like polishing or edge honing if necessary to ensure smoothness and sharpness.

4. Final Inspection:

Check the coating's thickness, adhesion, and uniformity.
Ensure that the tool meets the required performance standards.

Benefits of Recoating:

- Enhanced wear resistance and thermal stability.
- Lower friction, reducing heat and tool wear during machining.