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# LATHE MACHINE

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## DEFINATION

Lathe machine is a machine which is used to remove metal from the work-piece in the form of metal chips to get the required shape and size by rotating the work-piece against a stationary single point or multi-point cutting tool.

It is generally used for making cylindrical jobs. Usually a single point cutting tool is used to perform the operation.

## FEED

The direction of movement of the cutting tool (tool bit) towards the work-piece is called as Feed. The cutting tool may be moved in the following 3 ways as per the requirement:—

### PARALLEL FEED

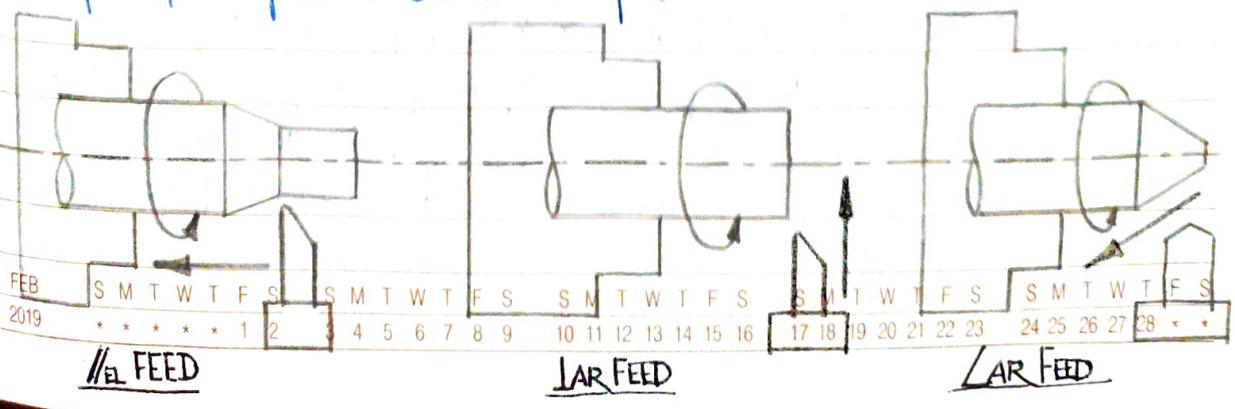
Parallel feed to the axis of rotation of the work-piece, to produce cylindrical surface and also to reduce the diameter of the job.

### PERPENDICULAR FEED

Perpendicular feed to the axis of rotation of the work-piece, to produce flat surface and also to reduce the length of the job.

### ANGULAR FEED

Angular feed to the axis of rotation of the work-piece, to produce tapered surface or conical surface.



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S.S. AND S.C. LATHE MACHINE

S.S. stands for Surface Sliding.  
S.C. stands for Screw Cutting.

In a S.S and S.C lathe machine both surface sliding and screw cutting operation can be performed. It is the conventional name of the lathe machine, which is sometimes also known as Centre Lathe Machine.

MAIN PARTS OF SS & SC LATHE / CENTRE LATHE MACHINE

A SS and S.C lathe machine, has the following main parts, such as -

- (01) Head Stock
- (02) Tail Stock
- (03) Bed Stock
- (04) Carriage
- (05) Quick Change gear box.
- (06) Feed shaft
- (07) Lead screw

- Tool post
- Compound Rest
- Gross slide
- Saddle
- Apron

HEAD STOCK

- (I) It is mounted on the left end of the bed.
- (II) It is a fixed unit of lathe.
- (III) It carries a hollow spindle through which long bar and tubes can pass.
- (IV) The spindle nose is threaded.
- (V) Chuck or face plate can be attached to the nose of the spindle.
- (VI) The chuck can hold the job or work piece and rotates it at different speeds as per the requirement of the operation to be performed.
- (VII) The head stock can transmit power from the spindle to the lead screw and feed shaft for automatic threading and feeding respectively.

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- (VIII) The head stock may be of two types according to the types of clow.
  - (A) All geared type head stock
  - (B) Cone pulley type of head stock.

TAIL STOCK

- (I) It is mounted on the bed at the right hand.
- (II) It is a sliding or movable unit.
- (III) It is made up of two parts - (A) Base (B) Body.
- (IV) The main functions of tail stock are :-
  - (A) To provide support at the right end of a long job, like a machined in between centres (live centre and dead centre) and thus minimizes sagging or bending of the job.
  - (B) To hold tools like drill bit, boring tool, reamer for drilling, boring, reaming operations.
  - (C) To make external taper by setting the body of the tail stock with respect to the base.
- (V) To support different lengths of the work, the body of the tail stock can be move through the guideways of the bed clamped at any position.
- (VI) The tail stock body is bored through which the tail stock spindle come move axially by the help of a hand wheel.
- (VII) A dead centre is attached at the spindle tip to give support to the right end of the job.

BED STOCK

- (I) It is the base of the lathe machine.
- (II) The headstock is mounted on the left hand side, tail stock on the right side and carriage in the middle of the bed stock.
- (III) The bed has two guideways on its top surface. The guideways may be flat or inverted V-type.
- (IV) The carriage and the tail stock move over the bed through guideways.

- (V) The bed is very strong to resist the cutting forces and vibrations produced during the machining operation.
- (VI) It is usually made up of Cast Iron with Chromium [Cr] and Nickel [Ni].
- (VII) Main functions of bed stock are :-
- To support the total weight of the machine.
  - To locate the fixed units in their accurate positions.
  - To provide guideways upon which the movable units can move.

CARRIAGE

- It is a sliding unit of the lathe machine mounted in between head stock and tail stock.
- It is used to give various movements to the cutting tool either manually or by power feed.
- The carriage can be locked on the bed at any desired position by tightening the carriage lock screw.
- The cutting tool can be provided with the following 3 movements by the carriage — Longitudinal / Parallel Feeding, Cross-feed / Perpendicular feed and Angular-feed.
- The carriage consists of the following parts such as — Toolpost, Compound rest, Cross-slide, Saddle and Apron.

TOOL-POST

It is mounted over the compound rest. It holds the tool/tools on it. It is fitted to the top slide of the compound rest. There are commonly 3 types of toolpost used in Centre Lathe Machine — Single way toolpost, Indexing toolpost / Square toolpost / American type toolpost; Quick change toolpost / Universal toolpost.

COMPOUND REST

It is mounted over the cross-slide. It has two parts — Swivel base and top-slide. The swivel base is assembled into the top of the crossslide.

and may be clamped at any required position between 0° to 360° by tightening the T-bolts. The swivel base is provided with a dovetail projection while the top slide has a dovetail groove. The sliding of the top slide on the swivel base is done by a screw and fitted with a band wheel and graduated collar. It can be used during taper turning operation to set the tool for angular feeds. There is no power feed to the compound rest.

CROSS-SLIDE

The cross slide is mounted over the saddle. A dovetail groove is made on its bottom surface, which is assembled with the saddle. It carries the compound rest and toolpost over it. The X-slide can move perpendicular to the lathe axis either by hand or automatic power feed. There is a micrometer dial on the cross-slide hand wheel with an accuracy of 0.05mm.

SADDLE

It is a H-shaped casting having V-grooves fitting over the guideways of the bed. It carries the X-slide, compound rest and toolpost. It can move over the guideways to the requirement position and locked to the bed. A dovetail projection is made on the top surface of the saddle.

APRON

It is the hand overcovering of the carriage; covered to protect the various mechanisms of carriage.

QUICK CHANGE GEAR BOX

- For obtaining automatic feed and thread cutting a quick change gear box is placed below the headstock.
- The gearbox contains a number of different size of gears.
- A feed shaft and a lead screw extends from the gearbox to tailstock end.

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- (IV) - When the automatic feed lever is engaged, the feed shaft advances the carriage slowly especially for turning operation.
- (V) - When the leadscrew lever/half nut lock is engaged, the lead screw advances the carriage for the thread cutting operation.
- (VI) - The gearbox is getting power from the motor fitted on the headstock.

LEAD SCREW

- (I) - It is a threaded shaft, extends from the headstock end to the tailstock end and is placed slightly below the guideways and parallel to it.
- (II) - It may be rotated clockwise or anti-clockwise direction at various speeds as per the requirement through the quickchange gear box.
- (III) - It is engaged to or dis-engaged from the carriage assembly by the half nut lever.
- (IV) - It is used during thread cutting operation only and rest of the time remains stationary.

FEED SHAFT

- (I) - The feed shaft is a plain rod extending from the headstock to the tailstock end.
- (II) - It remains below the leadscrew and parallel to it.
- (III) - It is used for giving automatic feed or longitudinal movement to the carriage for plain turning (except thread cutting operation).
- (IV) - It also gets power through the quick change gear box.
- (V) - It has a keyway extending throughout its length which provides mechanism inside the apron and transmit motion to the carriage.

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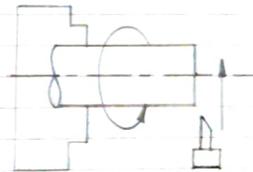
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OPERATIONS PERFORMED ON A LATHE MACHINE

- (I) - In a lathe machine, the following machining operations are performed such as:
  - (II) Facing operation, Plain turning operation, Grooving operation, Knurling operation, Taper turning operation, Thread cutting operation (Internal + External), Chamfering operation, Shoulder turning operation, Forming operation, Sliding off operation, Boring operation, Reaming operation, Drilling operation, Spinning operation, Eccentric turning operation, Step turning operation etc.

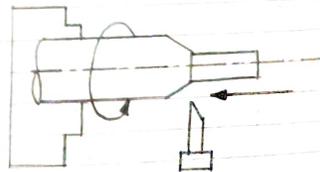
FACING OPERATION

- (I) - In facing operation, the end of the work piece is made flat.
- (II) - Here, the work piece is rotating about the lathe axis, while the facing tool is fed far to the lathe axis.
- (III) - The tool is slightly inclined towards the work piece, so as to prevent the end of the work-piece from getting chamfered.
- (IV) - Sometimes, this operation is known as Squaring operation.



PLAIN TURNING OPERATION

- (I) - In plain turning/straight turning operation, a cylindrical surface is produced.
- (II) - Here the workpiece is rotated about the lathe axis while the turning tool is fed // to the lathe axis throughout the length of the job.

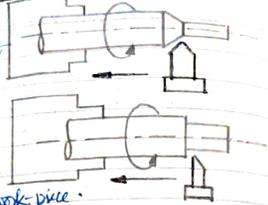


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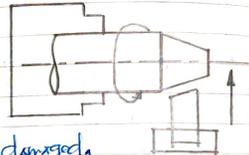
SHOULDER TURNING OPERATION

- (i) In shoulder turning process, the diameter of the job is different which looks like this:
- (ii) Here, work-piece is rotating about the lathe axis, while the tool is fed parallel to the lathe axis to obtain length of the work-piece.



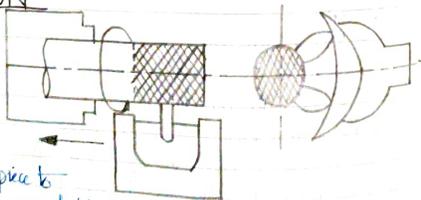
CHAMFERING OPERATION

- (i) It is the bevelling or turning a slope at the end of the work-piece.
- (ii) This is done so as to remove burrs to protect the end of the work-piece from being damaged by machine bolts for easy passing into the nut and to have a better look.
- (iii) This operation may be performed after thread cutting, knurling operation and turning etc.
- (iv) In this operation, the work-piece is rotating about the lathe axis while the tool is fed perpendicular to the lathe axis.



KNURLING OPERATION

- (i) It is a machining operation in which a rough impression is made in the work surface.
- (ii) It is done to give a good gripping surface on the work-piece to prevent it from slipping when operated by hand.
- (iii) The knurling tool have two hardened steel rollers having teeth on its surface.



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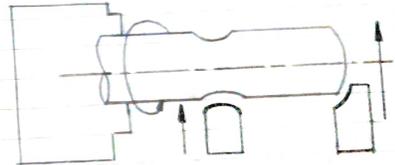
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- The teeth may be fine, medium or coarse.
- The knurling tool is held in the tailstock against the rotating work piece at the headstock.
- The tool is fed parallel to the spindle lathe axis.
- A very low cutting speed is used in this operation.
- The knurling tool doesn't cut the work-piece but produce a rough impression on its surface.

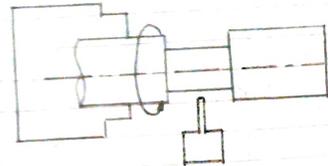
FORMING OPERATION

- (i) It is a turning operation in which a concave, convex, radial or any irregular shape is made on the work-piece by the help of form tools.
- (ii) The cutting edge of the tool is ground to the required form.
- (iii) The form tool is cross-feed against the rotating work-piece.



GROOVING OPERATION

- (i) Grooving is also known as recessing, necking or under cutting operation.
- (ii) It is generally done at the edge of the threaded portion.
- (iii) It is the turning operation in which a work-piece is cut to the required depth.
- (iv) Here the grooving tool is cross-feed against the rotating work-piece.

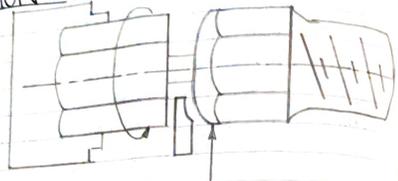


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PARTING OFF OPERATION

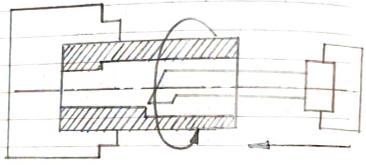
(1) It is a turning operation in which a finished component can be cut off from the workpiece.



- (ii) The parting tool is crossfeed against the rotating workpiece.
- (iii) The feed rate is slow during this operation [0.08 mm to 0.16 mm/revolution].
- (iv) If the feed rate will become high the parting off tool may be broken.

BORING OPERATION

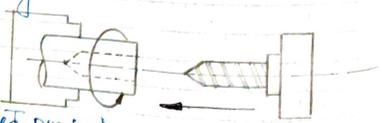
(1) Boring is an operation in which enlargement of an existing drilled, punched or cast hole is done.



- (ii) It is similar to the external plain turning operation but the turning should be done inside the job.
- (iii) The job is held on the chuck, while the boring tool is held on the tailstock spindle.
- (iv) Feed is given to the tool axially by moving the tailstock over the guideways of the lathe bed.
- (v) If the boring operation is done through certain length of the job, then it is called Counter Boring.

DRILLING OPERATION

(1) It is the operation of making a hole in the job, where not existed previously.



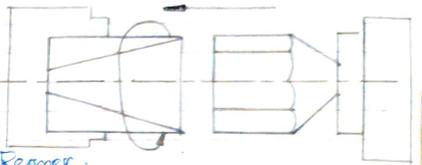
- (ii) Here the job is held on the chuck and drill bit on tailstock spindle.

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- (iii) Feed is given to the tool axially.
- (iv) In drilling operation, the job remains stationary while the drill bit rotates but in case of lathe machine the job rotates while the drill bit remains stationary.

REAMING OPERATION

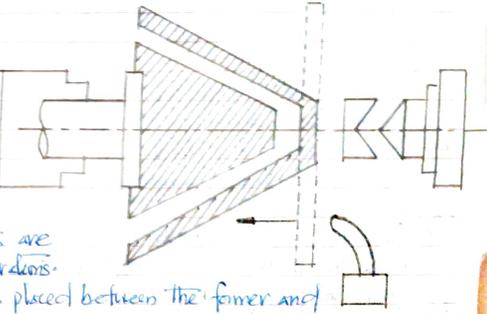
(1) Reaming is the operation of sizing or finishing a drilled hole or bored hole to its correct size by means of a tool called Reamer.



- (ii) In reaming operation, job is held on the head stock spindle while the reamer on the tail stock spindle.
- (iii) Axial feed is given to the reamer.
- (iv) By reaming operation, rectification of defects in drilled or bored holes can also be done.

SPINNING OPERATION

(1) Spinning is an operation in which thin sheet of metal can be formed to the required shape.

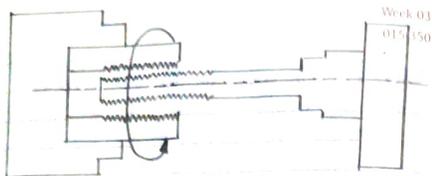
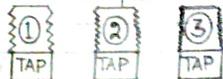


- (ii) Generally cup shaped parts are produced by spinning operations.
- (iii) At first the sheet metal is placed between the former and tailstock centre.
- (iv) The sheet metal is rotated at a high speed, then a long round nose forming tool is pressed slowly against the rotating sheet ex. pressure cooker vessel, cup shape metal containers etc.

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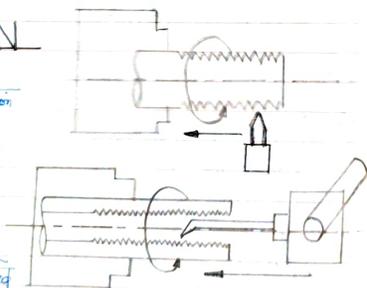
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TAPPING OPERATION



- (i) It is the operation of forming internal thread inside a hole by means of a set of tools called taps.
- (ii) Here the job is held in the chuck while the tap is held in the tail stock spindle.
- (iii) Axial feed will be given to the tap against the rotating work-piece.
- (iv) During tapping operation, the speed and rotation of the job will be very slow, otherwise the tap may be damaged.
- (v) A set of 3 nos of taps are used to perform the operations.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> TAP = It is used to make the path of the threads on the job.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> TAP = It performs the actual cutting operation.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> TAP = It is used to finish the threads.

THREAD CUTTING OPERATION



- (i) It is one of the most important operation performed in a lathe machine.
- (ii) It is the operation in which both external and internal threads can be cut on the job.
- (iii) Here the job is held on the chuck while the thread cutting tool is fitted on the tool post.
- (iv) Longitudinal feed is given to the tool against the rotating job.
- (v) During thread cutting, the lead screw is engaged for automatic movement of the carriage.
- (vi) The cutting speed or rotation of the job or work-piece will be very slow.

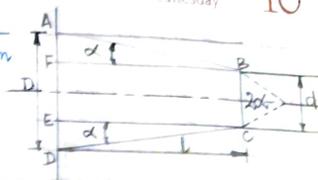
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TAPER TURNING OPERATION

- (i) It is the operation in which an uniform change in diameter of the job takes place.
- (ii) In this operation a conical surface on the work piece is formed.
- (iii) A taper can be expressed in the following ways :-



TAPER ANGLE

It is expressed in degree of half the included angle / included angle / inclined angle.

CONICITY

It is defined as the ratio of the gradual increase or decrease in diameter of the job per unit length.

- (iv) Here, D = big / large diameter  
d = small diameter  
l = length of the taper  
 $\alpha$  = half inclined angle  
 $2\alpha$  = full inclined angle.

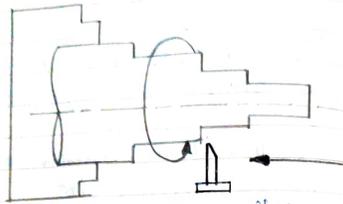
$$\therefore \tan \alpha = \frac{p}{b} = \frac{(D-d)}{l} = \frac{D-d}{2l}$$

From  $\Delta ABF$ ,  
 $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{D-d}{2l} \right)$  where,  $\alpha$  = half inclined angle / taper angle.

Conicity (K) =  $\frac{\text{Increase or Decrease in diameter}}{\text{Unit length}}$   
 $\Rightarrow K = \frac{D-d}{l}$

- (v) Taper turning operation can be performed by the following methods :-  
By swivelling the compound rests by taper turning attachment, by combination feed, by off-setting the tail stock & by using a form tool.

STEP TURNING OPERATION



- (I) It is a type of turning operation in which the job or work-piece will be held in the chuck and the feed is given parallel to the lathe axis.
- (II) This turning operation is carried out by a number of steps, so it is known as Step Turning Operation.

SPECIFICATION OF A CENTRE LATHE MACHINE

To specify a General purpose Centre Lathe Machine completely, the following details are given which are as follows:-

- (01) Bed Size = 3'11"
- (02) V-belt cone pulley drive.
- (03) 3HP motor.
- (04) 3 phase supply motor.
- (05) RPM (Revolution per minute) = 1440.
- (06) 3 jaw/4 jaw chuck.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ADOPTED/TAKEN/NEEDED FOR WORKING ON A LATHE MACHINE

Following are the personal, workshop as well as machine safety precautions adopted during operation on a lathe machine:-

- (I) Before operating the machine, one should completely understand its operations and controls.
- (II) All the safety guards should be in proper positions.
- (III) Wearing of loose garments, rings, wrist watches, bracelets etc should

be avoided as it may lead to accident.

- (IV) Safety goggles are preferred to protect the eyes from hot metal chips.
- (V) For cleanings, oiling and setting the machine, it should be stopped first.
- (VI) The work area should be clean and tidy i.e. away from oil and chips to avoid accidents.
- (VII) One should not under the working area be bare footed.
- (VIII) Before starting the machine it should be ensured that the chuck or face plate is mounted securely.
- (IX) Chuck key should be removed after tightening the job in the chuck.
- (X) Revolving the chuck should not be stopped by hand.
- (XI) Tools and other instruments should be placed on the tray provided below the bed, should not be placed over the bed etc.

LIMITATIONS OF CENTRE LATHE MACHINE

We have so far discussed about a Centre Lathe Machine. The centre lathe machine is capable of producing a large varieties of cylindrical jobs. But there are certain limitations of Centre Lathe Machine which are as follows:-

- (I) A complete component can't be produced with a single setting tool, we have to change the tools everytime a new operation is to be performed.
- (II) It is difficult to perform operation on the end face of the job.
- (III) A no. of different operations can't be performed simultaneously on the job.
- (IV) High skill is required to perform the operations on the work piece.
- (V) Rate of production is less, since a long time is spent on changing and setting of tools for new operations. So, it is not economical.
- (VI) It is not suitable for mass production of identical components.

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CAPSTAN AND TURRET LATHE

For all the mentioned limitations of Centre Lathe, it can be eliminated by introducing a special type of lathe machine known as Capstan and Turret Lathe Machine. These lathe machines are a modification of Centre Lathe Machine. These machines are introduced in semi-automatic machine as number of operations can be done automatically.

It is used to manufacture any number of identical workpieces in less time. In these types of lathe, the work-piece is held on collet/chuck which are actuated hydraulically or pneumatically. All the needed tools are held in the respective holes on the turret head and according to the sequence of operation, the tool is moved with the help of a turret head.

MAJOR COMPONENTS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS IN A CAPSTAN AND TURRET LATHE

The major components/parts of Capstan and Turret Lathe Machine are:—

- (i) Bed-stock
- (ii) Head-stock
- (iii) Legs
- (iv) Carriage/Chaser Saddle [x slide and saddle]
- (v) Turret Saddle/Auxiliary Device.

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- (i) It is a box type casting provided with parallel guideways over its top.
- (ii) The carriage and the turret saddle are placed over them.
- (iii) At the same time, it supports the headstock at its one end and the turret saddle on the other end and the carriage is placed in between them.
- (iv) It provides the required rigidity to all the parts mounted over it.

HEAD-STOCK

- (i) It carries a similar type of head stock as compared to centre lathe, but is comparatively larger in size and bigger in construction.
- (ii) It is a large casting located at the left end of the lathe bed.
- (iii) Due to its large size and heavier construction, it is able to provide a wider range of speeds i.e. between 30 rpm to 3000 rpm.
- (iv) Generally the following types of head stock are used in a Capstan and Turret Lathe machine — Step Cone Pulley Driven Head Stock, Direct Electric Motor Driven Head Stock, All geared type Head Stock and Pre-optimised/Pre-selective type of Head stock.

LEGS

- (i) It possesses two legs, one below each end of the bed.
- (ii) These legs are hollow casting which bear the entire load of the bed and all the stationary as well as movable parts over the bed.
- (iii) The left leg may house several mechanisms such as electric drives, oil pumps etc, that's why it is larger than the right leg.

CARRIAGE / CHASER SADDLE

- (i) The carriage or chaser saddle of Capstan and Turret Lathe machine mounted on the bed is not much different from the carriage of a Centre Lathe Machine.
- (ii) It carries a cross-slide over which two tool posts are mounted, one tool post at the front and the other tool post at the rear end.
- (iii) It doesn't carry a compound rest as that of Centre Lathe machine.
- (iv) Both the front and rear tool post are usually square tool post in which each can hold four tools on it.
- (v) By means of a handle provided at the top of the tool post, the tools can be indexed equally each time to bring one tool after the other in required position.

- (vi) In the final toolpost, four tools can be mounted while in the rear toolpost normally a single tool (spring off tool) is mounted because less number of operations is to be performed from the rear side.
- (vii) Both hand feeding and power feeding can be used to the saddle as well as the cross-slide.
- (viii) The commonly used types of carriage can be classified as follows:—
  - (A) Conventional Type / Reach Over Type Carriage.
  - (B) Side Hung Type Carriage.

(A) CONVENTIONAL / REACH OVER TYPE CARRIAGE

It is a conventional carriage known as Bridge type Carriage as it bridges over the front and rear way of the bed. The swingover the cross-slide is limited hence used for machining smaller jobs. So, it is preferred for Capstan Lathe Machine.

(B) SIDE HUNG TYPE CARRIAGE

This type of carriage doesn't bridge over the bedways of the bed. It is supported on the front bedway only. Because of this feature, the space between the longitudinal bedways provided on the top of the bed remains wide open. Therefore a much larger swing is available which can carry larger diameter of the job. It is therefore preferred in Turret Lathe Machine.

TURRET SADDLE AND AUXILIARY DEVICE / SLIDE

In Capstan lathe, the turret saddle bridges the gap between two bedways and the top face is accurately machined to provide a bearing surface for the auxiliary slide. The saddle is adjusted on the lathe bedways and clamped at desired position. The hexagonal turret is mounted on the auxiliary slide.

In turret, it is directly mounted on the top of the saddle

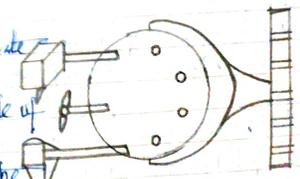
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and any movement of the turret is affected by the movement of saddle. The movement of turret may be effected by hand or by power. The turret is a hexagonally shaped tool holder intended for holding six or more tools.

Each face of the turret is accurately machined. On each face accurately bored holes are provided for accommodating shanks of different tool holders. The centre line of each hole coincides with the axis of the lathe when aligned with the hexadstock spindle. In addition to these holes, there are four tapered holes on each face of the turret for securing different tool holding attachments. At the centre of the turret on the top of it, there is a clamping lever which locks the turret on the saddle.

MULTIPLE TOOL HOLDER

- (i) As we know that in Capstan and Turret lathe a wide variety of operation can be performed for mass production. On this purpose, a necessity of designing different types of tool holder for holding different tools. A multiple tool holder is one such device which can serve the above purpose.
- (ii) It is used for holding straight, angular, multiple cutting holders, boring bars etc for various turning and boring operations so that it may be possible to undertake a number of operations simultaneously.
- (iii) The tools are set at different position on the work surface by inserting the shank of the tool holder in different holes of the multiple head body.
- (iv) Each tool holder is tightened by separate set of screws.
- (v) The boring bar is held at the centre hole of the head.
- (vi) The multiple head is supported on the turret face by tightening the bolts passing through the holes of the flange.



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SRL NO.	S.S & C. LATHE MACHINE / CENTRE LATHE MACHINE	CAPSTAN AND TURRET LATHE MACHINE
01.	It is manually operated type of lathe machine.	It is semi-automatic type of lathe machine.
02.	It has only one tool post, tool changing time is more.	Front and rear tool post are available, tool changing time is less.
03.	It has tail-stock.	It has turret head instead of tail-stock.
04.	Only one tool can be fitted in the tail stock.	Six different tools can be fitted in the turret head.
05.	No. of speeds is less.	No. of speeds is more.
06.	Tool changing time is more.	Tool changing time is less.
07.	The machine should be stopped for changing the tool.	Tool can be changed without stopping the machine.
08.	It is not suitable for mass production.	It is suitable for mass production.
09.	No feed stops to control the tool.	The tools are controlled by feed stops.
10.	The tool is controlled manually after changing the tool.	The tool is controlled automatically.
11.	Only one operation is done at a time.	More than one operation is done or can be done at a time.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAPSTAN AND TURRET LATHE

SRL NO.	CAPSTAN LATHE	TURRET LATHE
01.	It is a light weight machine.	It is a heavy weight machine.
02.	In Capstan Lathe, the turret tool head is mounted over the ram and that is mounted over the saddle.	In Turret Lathe, the turret tool head is mounted over the saddle like a single unit.
03.	For providing feed to the tool, the ram is moved.	For providing feed to the tool, the saddle is moved.
04.	Because of no saddle displacement, movement of turret head over the longitudinal direction of bed is small along with the ram.	Turret tool head moves along with the saddle over the entire bed in the longitudinal direction.
05.	Used for shorter work-piece because of limited ram movement.	Used for longer work-piece because of saddle movement along the bed.
06.	Its working operations are fast because of lighter in construction.	Its working operations are slower because of heavier in construction.
07.	Heavy cuts on the work piece cannot be given because of non-rigid construction.	Heavy cuts on the work piece can be given because of the rigid construction of the machine.
08.	For indexing turret tool head, the hand wheel of the ram is reversed and turret tool index automatically.	For indexing turret tool head, the turret is rotated manually after releasing the clamping lever.

09. The turret head cannot be moved in the lateral direction of the bed.

The turret head can be moved crosswise direction i.e. in the lateral direction of bed in some turret lathe.

10. In Capstan lathe, collet is used to grip the job.

In Turret lathe, power jaw chuck is used to grip the job.

11. Used for machining work-piece upto 60mm diameter.

Used for machining work-piece upto 130 diameter.

12. These are usually horizontal lathes.

Turret lathes are available in horizontal and vertical lathes.

COLLET CHUCK

- (i) Collet chucks are used for gripping small bars in Capstan and Turret lathe for mass production and work.
- (ii) Different size of collets are necessary for holding bars of different sections.
- (iii) The split jaws of the collet grip the job by springing action.
- (iv) In operation, when the key is rotated the die also rotates.
- (v) In doing so, it either draws in or draws out, the collet depending upon its direction of rotation.
- (vi) When the collet is drawn in, its split body is pressed against the tapered inside surface of the chuck, which makes a firm grip over the bar.
- (vii) When the collet is pushed out, the pressure on its body is released and it opens out releasing the grip on the bar which can

be then fed forward for the next operation to be performed.  
A collet is a subtype of chuck that forms a collar around an object to be held and exerts a strong clamping force on the object when it is tightened usually by means of a tapered outer collar. It may be used to hold a workpiece or a tool.

An external collet is a sleeve with a normally cylindrical inner surface and a conical outer surface. The collet can be squeezed against a matching taper such that its inner surface contracts to a slightly smaller diameter, squeezing the tool or workpiece to hold it securely. Most often it is achieved with a spring collet, made of spring steel with one or more kerf cuts along its length to allow it to expand or contract.

An internal collet can be used to lock two telescoping tubes together. In this case, the collet is in the form of truncated cone drilled and threaded down the centre-line. The collet diameter matches the bore of the inner tube, having the larger end slightly greater than the bore while the smaller diameter is slightly less than the bore. A threaded stud, anchored at its other end to the tube, is then pushed to pull the collet into the tube. The increasing diameter of the collet forces the inner tube to expand and be pushed against the inner wall of the outer tube thus locking the two tubes together. The inner tube is often slotted to facilitate the expansion.

TURRET HEAD INDEXING MECHANISM

The carriage, cross slide, turret slide and the saddle feeding the turret may be fed into the work by hand or by power feed, separate feed mechanism transmit power to the carriage and turret saddle for this purpose. In addition to the spring mechanism and complicated geared head stock a Capstan and Turret Lathe uses a novel device by virtue of which the turret indexes automatically when it is brought back away from the spindle nose the first operation is completed and this mechanism is known as Turret Indexing Mechanism.

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# SHAPER MACHINE

## DEFINITION

The shaper machine is a reciprocating type of machine primarily intended for producing flat surfaces. These surfaces may be horizontal, vertical or inclined. A single point cutting tool is used to perform the machining operations. Here the job remains stationary while the cutting tool reciprocates.

Shaping machine is a machine designed for giving desired shapes to the surfaces that may be horizontal, vertical and flat. A shaping tool is used to cut in curves, different angles and many other desired shapes. A drive is responsible for the tool rotation which results in the forward and backward movement. The cutting tool is used to give the shape to the hard surface of the metal or wood by removing the excess material. The metal working shaper machine was developed by an English man "JAMES NASMITH" in 1836.

## WORKING MECHANISM OF SHAPER MACHINE

The shaping machine operates in the reciprocating type of machine function. Here the workpiece is fixed on the machine table and the cutting tool is placed on the workpiece. Reciprocating movements over the workpiece results in forward and backward strokes. Forward stroke is responsible for cutting action over the object and backward movement is responsible for restoring its position without any cutting action.

## DESCRIPTION OF PARTS OF SHAPER MACHINE WITH ITS FUNCTIONS

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Working mechanism of shaping machine is very simple but effective. The parts responsible for its working along with its functional importance are listed below:-

Base, Body, Crossways, Stroke Adjuster, Cross rail, Ram, Table, Clapper box etc.

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BASE

The base of shaping machine is a kind of bed to hold the different parts of shaping machine. It is made up of cast iron since the strength of the base is very important. The base bears the vibrations or vibrational shocks of forward and backward movement of stroke responsible for shaping action.

BODY

The body of machine consists of parts named Pillar, Frame and Column. The body of shaping machine is affixed on the base of the shaping machine. The column is also made up of cast iron and it is box shaped part which is placed on the base. Column plays the covering role and supports the reciprocating movement in the operation of the machine.

CROSSWAYS

These are the sideways affixed vertically and horizontally across the table to allow the movement of the table.

STROKE ADJUSTER

It absorbs the vibration shock by controlling the length of the stroke.

CROSS RAIL

It is affixed on the front part of the body which can be moved in an upward and downward direction. It enables to perform shaping operation at different positions.

RAM

It is responsible for the reciprocating action of the column sideways. Forward and backward movement of the ram is called as a stroke.

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TABLE

It is a kind of flat body affixed over the frame to hold the work piece on which the shaping action needs to be performed.

CLAPPER BOX

It is used to carry the shaping tool holder. It is responsible for the smooth and hindrance free movement of backward stroke to prevent the damage in the form of wear and tear.

HOW THE SHAPING TASK IS PERFORMED OVER THE OBJECT

- A shaping task is based on the stroke mechanism. Forward stroke performs the action and backward or return stroke brings back the tool to its original position for the next forward stroke. The working of a shaper machine is expressed in below points:—
- (I) First and foremost task is to place the work piece on the table.
  - (II) After that, cutting tool is placed in the tool holder mounted on the ram.
  - (III) It is time to supply power by starting the motor for performing a reciprocating action.
  - (IV) In the reciprocating action, cutting tool performs the task on the work piece and removes the extra material from the work piece to get the desired shape.
  - (V) Here forward stroke performs the shaping action on the work piece by cutting the extra material and backward, return stroke doesn't perform cutting action, it is a kind of restoring stroke for the next actionable forward stroke.

CLASSIFICATION OF SHAPER MACHINE

Shaping machine types are classified on the basis of its motion types Ram-travel, Table design and the type of cutting stroke.

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- (I) Shaping machine classified under the type of motion are :-  
Crank, Geared and Hydraulic.
- (II) Shaping machine classified under the type of Ram travel are :-  
Horizontal and Vertical, Inclined And Irregular.
- (III) Shaping machine classified according to the design of the table are :-  
Standard and Universal.
- (IV) Shaping machine classified according to the type of stroke are :-  
Push and Draw.

### STANDARD OR PLAIN SHAPER

In this machine, the table has only two motion: crosswise in the horizontal plane and vertical movement (up and down). The table is not provided with a swivelling motion.

### UNIVERSAL SHAPER

This machine is similar to plain shaper except that the table can be tilted at various angles, making it possible to incline flat surfaces. The table can be swivelled about 360° about a central axis parallel to the cutting stroke direction and also perpendicular to it i.e. around two horizontal axes. The table has a movement in the horizontal plane and vertical direction (up and down) as in plain shaper.

### HORIZONTAL CUTTING

Horizontal surfaces are machined by moving the work mounted on the machine table at a cross direction both respect to the ram movement.

The clapper box can be set vertical or slightly inclined towards the uncut surface. This arrangement enables the tool to lift automatically during the return stroke. The tool will not drag on the machined surface.

### VERTICAL CUTTING

A vertical cut is made while machining the end of a workpiece, squaring up a block or machining a shoulder. The feed is given to the tool by rotating the down feed screw of the vertical slide. The table is not moved vertically for this purpose. The apron is swivelled away from the vertical surface being machined.

### INCLINED CUTTING

An angular cut is done at any angle other than a right angle to the horizontal or to the vertical plane. The work is set on the table and the vertical slide of the toothhead is swivelled to the required angle either towards the left or towards right from the vertical position.

### IRREGULAR CUTTING

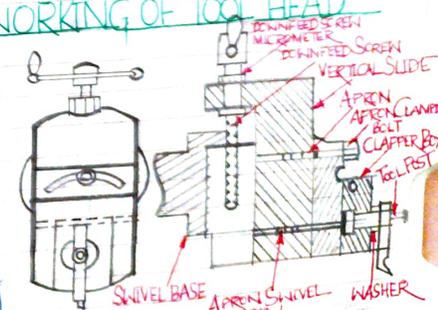
A round nose tool is used for this operation. For a shallow cut the apron may be set vertical but if the curve is quite sharp, the apron is swivelled towards the right or left away from the surface to be cut.

### CONSTRUCTION AND WORKING OF TOOL HEAD

The tool head holds the cutting tool firmly and provides both vertical and angular movement to the tool with the help of a clamped screw handle.

The head allows the tool to have automatic relief during the return stroke.

The vertical slide of a tool head consists of a swivel base which is graduated in degrees. So the vertical slide



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