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## **LFV technology**

Low frequency vibration cutting technology

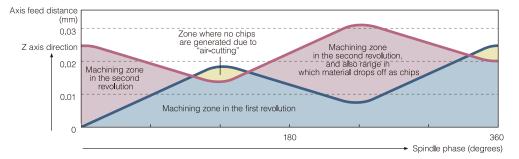
#### What is Low Frequency Vibration Cutting?

The servo axes are vibrated in the axial direction and cutting is performed while synchronizing this vibration with the rotation of the spindle. Because "air-cutting" times are provided during cutting, it is characterized by intermittent expulsion of chips.

This widely applicable cutting technology – able to handle a broad range of machining shapes and materials – is ideal for cutting difficult-to-cut materials like inconel, stainless steel and copper. It is state-of-the-art and suppresses various risks associated with these materials, such as entanglement of chips and built-up edges.

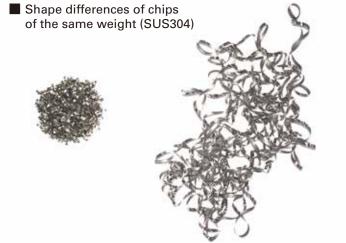
Z axis feed distance per spindle revolution and the low frequency vibration waveform

#### Representation of the cutting



## Chip Shapes

Depending on the material being cut, a variety of problems can be caused by chips getting entangled with each other, including increased cutting resistance, scarring, changes in the texture of the machined surface, tool nose damage, and built-up edges due to cutting heat. In low frequency vibration cutting, "air cutting" time provided during cutting serves to break chips up finely and expel them. This "air cutting" time also prevents the machining temperature rising, which both prolongs tool lives and gives relief from various problems caused by chips.



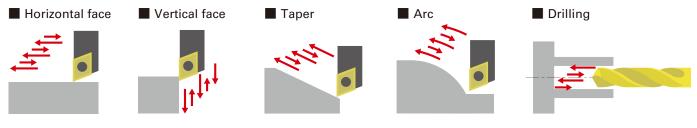
Chips generated by low frequency vibration cutting

Chips generated by conventional cutting

## Variety of Machinable Geometries

Vibration cutting can handle a variety of types of machining in addition to linear machining on faces, including tapers, arcs, and drilling.

Vibration cutting can be turned ON and OFF just by inserting G codes into a program, giving relief from chip entanglement and problems with the tool nose, depending on the material being machined.



#### Vibration mode

The optimum vibration mode can be selected depending on the purpose of machining.

#### Vibration mode 1 Breaking up chips



Micromachining example (VC03)



Micromachining leaving  $\varphi$ 0.2 mm pin

Vibration mode 2

Drilling, or turning where high peripheral speed is required



Deep hole drilling with an oil hole drill



The broken up chips are expelled along the flutes in the drill.

Vibration mode 3 (under development) Breaking up chips in thread cutting



### Models that can be equipped with LFV

Model	Туре	Front LFV (X	1, Z1)	Back LFV (X2, Z2)		
VC03		$\bigcirc$				
L20	VIII, IX	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		*1
	X, XII	$\bigcirc$		×		
L12	VII	$\bigcirc$		$\bigcirc$		
Model	Туре	Module 1	Mod	ule 2	Module 3	
MC20	III	0	(	$\supset$	$\bigcirc$	

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We plan to gradually expand the number of models that can be equipped with LFV: look out for changes.

\*1. In principle, LFV machining in two axis control groups simultaneously is not possible.

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