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We provide you with indepth training to share with you the basic knowledge to use your new machine autonomously/independently.

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Learn to operate training

MILLING
Basic programming

Get familiar with iTNC530/ TNC640 contouring computer numerical controls (CNCs)

What are the course contents?
- Create and test programs from drawings with HEIDENHAIN iTNC530 conversational programming
- Understand the structure of Milling machines and their specific functions

What is the course objective?
- Learn how to program

What are the course benefits?
- Use iTNC530, TNC640 or TNC620
- Become autonomous on basic use with the machine
- Create and test programs in HEIDENHAIN conversational programming based on workpiece drawings

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MILLING
5-Axis machining

Reduce production costs with your 5-axis Milling machine

What are the course contents?

- Work with rotary axes and spatial angles
- Distinguish between the different numerical control (NC) program types of the TNC as well as the different TCPM functions (inclined and simultaneous machining) and use them
- Use functions to influence the program execution behavior of the CNC control or to adjust NC programs
- Apply the function for tilting the working plane for swivel heads or tilting tables

What is the course objective?

- Produce complex five-axis parts with maximum flexibility and minimum tolerances to reduce production costs.

What are the course benefits?

- Become autonomous on the machine
- Maximize productivity through basic parameters
- Optimize your use of consumables
- Eliminate the risk of collision
- Apply the function for tilting the working plane for swivel heads or tilting tables
- Work with rotary axes and spatial angles
- Distinguish the different NC program types of the TNC

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article n°200010430 (at customer site)
Learn to operate training

MILLING
Machine calibration

article n°200010761 (at GF site)
article n°200010762 (at customer site)

Reach a higher measuring precision

What are the course contents?

- iTNC530 or TNC640
- Why geometry calibration is important
- Verification of automatic machine calibration (AMC)
- Definition of AMC and how to operate (3-axis)
- Definition of intelligent kinematic calibration (IKC) and how to operate (5-axis simultaneous)
- Alignment and calibration of 5-axis simultaneous machine

What is the course objective?

- Improving the accuracy of your Milling machine

What are the course benefits?

- Become autonomous in calibrating a Milling machine
- Guarantee your machining accuracy
- Master machining repeatability over time
- Repeat the process easily to ensure a high-precision quality

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**MILLING**

**Touch probe**

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**Measure with maximum flexibility**

**What are the course contents?**
- iTNC530 or TNC640
- Touch probe
- Manual and automatic presetting
- Manual and automatic alignment
- Manual and automatic measurement
- Rework after measurement

**What is the course objective?**
- Learn how to handle the touch probe efficiently

**What are the course benefits?**
- Use the touch probe cycles in manual and automatic operation
- Log the measured values
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**MILLING**

**Tool measuring**

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Maximize use of cutting tool while preserving parts quality with your Milling machine

**What are the course contents?**

- Use iTNC530 or TNC640
- Calibrate a laser measuring system
- Use measurement cycle tools
- Manage broken or used tools

**What is the course objective?**

- Use the tool measurement cycles in the correct and efficient way

**What are the course benefits?**

- Eliminate rejected part
- Optimize consumption of cutting tools to reduce costs
- Reduce costs by optimizing consumption of cutting tool
- Reduce repetitive operator’s tasks
- Increase operating time for other tasks
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MILLING
Machine operating

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Get all of the knowledge necessary to become immediately productive with your machine

What are the course contents?

- Understand the main system, components and machine
- Optimize peripheral modules (chip conveyor, cooling unit, tool changer etc.)
- Perform daily maintenance
- Manage basic troubleshooting

What is the course objective?

- Learn to use the main components of your machine, including the different applications and outcome

What are the course benefits?

- Save time due to the optimization of the peripheral modules
- Reduce cost by saving consumables
- Reduce intervention time and cost for basic troubleshooting
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EDM–Die Sinking
Basic training

Learn the main functionalities to achieve top Die Sinking performance

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**What are the course contents?**
- Understanding the EDM process
- Mastering the HMI:
- Navigating through the different screens
- Machine language
- Learning how to write a machining program
- Optimum machine settings method
- Preparing the machine and its environment
- Temperature control and dielectric quality
- Verification of control points
- References and position of workpieces
- Learning and using machining parameters
- Machine maintenance

**What is the course objective?**
- In this course, participants learn how to make their first workpieces on a die-sinking EDM machine and work unassisted.

**What are the course benefits?**
- Learn the main functionalities to perform with the Die Sinking technology
Learn to operate training

EDM- Wire
Basic training

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Face every precision and part production challenges perfectly with the Wire technology

What are the course contents?
- Understanding the EDM process
- Mastering the HMI:
- Navigating through the different screens
- Machine language: Command (CMD), ISO
- Write a machine tooling program using the Expert tool
- Machine settings:
  - Preparing the machine and its environment
  - Wire tension and stability
  - Position and alignment of guides
  - Threading positions
  - Verification of control points
  - References and position of workpieces
  - Learning and using machining parameters
  - Machine maintenance

What is the course objective?
- In this course, participants learn how to make their first workpieces on a wire EDM machine and work unassisted.

What are the course benefits?
- Learn the main functionalities to perform with the EDM Wire technology
Learn to operate training

LASER Starter 3 axis

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Enter efficiently in the world of digital training

What are the course contents?
- Specifications of the Laser process
- Security
- First machining approach
- Laser Marking Control System (LMCS) human-machine interface (HMI) and programming software overview
- Three axis-mode systems and machining coordination
- Machining capability and its options
- Basic maintenance

What is the course objective?
- To learn how to use productively your Laser machine

What are the course benefits?
- Become autonomous with use of basic three-axis machine
- Able to select the right parameters according to the job
- Capable of following the basic instructions to achieve the best precision
- Can manage the basic maintenance of the machine
Maximize performance training

LASER

Master 5 axis

article n° 200010485 (at GF site)
article n° 200010486 (at customer site)

Master texturing, structuring, engraving on the most complex 3D surfaces

What are the course contents?

- Specifications of Laser process in five-axis mode
- Systems coordination and Laser head movements
- Laser Marking Control System (LMCS) human-machine interface (HMI) and programming software overview
- Digitalization of the workpiece and shape preprocessing with meshed structure
- Editing for texture image and mapping for machining complex parts
- Machining capabilities and its options

What is the course objective?

- Machining with precision on 3D complex surfaces

What are the course benefits?

- Become autonomous with use of basic five-axis machine
- Be able to select the right parameters according to the job
- Be capable of following the basic instructions to achieve the best precision

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Maximize performance

Developing your knowledge to an expert level, to enhance your machine performances.

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- EDM–Wire Advanced training
- EDM–Wire Thin wires
- EDM–Wire Advanced programming
- EDM–Wire Taper–Expert
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MILLING
Delta training iTNC530 to TNC640

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Be immediately efficient with your new TNC640

What are the course contents?
- Basic Knowledge
- New cycles (Face Milling Cycle 233 and more)
- New, faster and more powerful simulation of material removal
- Work with the preset table
- New probing functions
- New TNC functions
- Comparison between iTNC530 and TNC640 controls

What is the course objective?
- Discover the differences between iTNC530 and TNC640

What are the course benefits?
- Become familiar with the special features and functions of the TNC640 and be able to use them
Maximize performance training

MILLING
Advanced programming

article n°200010781 (at GF site)
article n°200010782 (at customer site)

What are the course contents?
+ iTNC530 or TNC640 or TNC620
+ Logical operations (if...then)
+ Conditional and unconditional jumps
+ Branching in programs and outside of the program
+ Program section repeats
+ Nesting techniques
+ Milling cycles for contours and technical curves (e.g., ellipses, spirals)
+ Letter engraving program

What is the course objective?
+ Learn additional and specific knowledge to become a Milling expert

What are the course benefits?
+ Create cycle-type machining sequences
+ Program Milling operations of plane curves with mathematical functions
+ Combination of Q parameters and HEIDENHAIN cycles
+ Use the functions FN 16, 17, 18, etc...
+ Manage and automate complex part measures
+ Save preparation time by automation of complex measurement
+ Allow traceability of machining information

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Make yourself a Milling expert
Maximize performance training

EDM–Die Sinking Contouring

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article n°200010602 (at customer site)

Maximize performance with EDM Die-sinking contouring process

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What are the course contents?

- Explanation of the contouring process
- Introduction to contouring programming language
- Configuration of the machine
- Selection of type of electrode according to workpiece
- Alignment of electrodes
- Creation of a complete example
- Creation of contouring entry and exit points
- Simulation of programs before machining

What is the course objective?

- In this course, participants learn how to make complex contours inside workpieces.

What are the course benefits?

- Autonomously program contouring cycles and benefit from practical application of skills acquired in simulations.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Die Sinking
Macro programming 1

article n°200010605 (at GF site)
article n°200010606 (at customer site)

Increase your productivity for repeatable parts with Macro programming

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What are the course contents?

- Presentation of objectives of macros
- Introduction to programming language
- Automation of repetitive measurements of workpieces and electrodes

What is the course objective?

- In this course, participants learn how to write basic Automation programs for repetitive tasks.

What are the course benefits?

- Gain time and secure your measurement processes in repetitive tasks.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Die Sinking
Macro programming 2

article n°200010607 (at GF site)
article n°200010608 (at customer site)

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2 days | 4 | Intermediate | EDM–Die Sinking Basic training Macro programming 1 | DRILL 20, FORM E, FORM P, FORM S, FORM X

Save time and increase precision for repeatable parts with Macro programming

What are the course contents?
- Creation of an automatic complex measurement cycle such as a punch
- Automation of geometric correction directly in machining program

What is the course objective?
- In this course, participants learn how to write an advanced measurement program and how to automate geometric correction of cavities.

What are the course benefits?
- Gain time and secure your measurement processes in repetitive tasks. Benefit from practical application of skills acquired in simulations.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Die Sinking
Smart tool 1

article n°200010609 (at GF site)
article n°200010610 (at customer site)

Save cost in EDM Die sinking with tool compensation and wear partitioning from the Smart tool option

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What are the course contents?

- Presentation of objectives of Smart Tool modules (Compensation, Wear Partitioning, Life Tool and Declassing)
- Application of geometric compensation program
- Creation of a simple program with wear partitioning (distribution of electrode wear)

What is the course objective?

- In this course, participants learn how to write a simple program to ensure precision of ± 5 µm in as many as five identical cavities.

What are the course benefits?

- Save up to 30% in electrode consumption.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Die Sinking
Smart tool 2

article n°200010611 (at GF site)
article n°200010612 (at customer site)

Save cost in EDM Die sinking with life tool and declassing from the Smart tool option

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What are the course contents?

- Production of a complete program with target precision of ± 5 µm
- Analysis of results and implementation of automatic correction
- Creation of an advanced program

What is the course objective?

In this course, participants learn how to write an advanced program to ensure precision of ± 5 µm in five or more identical cavities.

What are the course benefits?

- Optimize the life span of your electrodes and reduce the number of electrodes you consume by more than 30%.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Wire
Advanced training

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article n°200010682 (at customer site)

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Increase productivity with EDM Wire cutting by optimizing process parameters

What are the course contents?
- Review of basic course modules
- Mastering generator parameters
- Possibility of introduction of very fine wire (≤ 0.1 mm)

What is the course objective?
- In this course, participants have the chance to increase their basic knowledge and optimize machining sequences for nonstandard scenarios (stepped sections, exotic materials, etc.).

What are the course benefits?
- Enhancing the productivity of your equipment thanks to better knowledge of the interaction of the primary machining parameters.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Wire
Thin wires

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article n°200010686 (at customer site)

Produce high precision parts in EDM Wire cutting by mastering thin wires set-up and process

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What are the course contents?
+ Presentation of objectives of machining with fine wire
+ Presentation of fine wire ranges and their respective applications
+ Raising awareness of the importance of wire quality
+ Machine configurations
+ Option assembly
+ Machine settings
+ Creating a full example

What is the course objective?
+ In this course, participants learn how to make high-precision pieces with radii less than 0.1 mm.

What are the course benefits?
+ Gain the skills you need in order to produce small-radius pieces.
+ Answer customers’ needs and open new market horizons.
+ Learn to produce very high-precision, fine-geometry pieces (slot type, miniature gears, clock mechanisms, etc.).
Maximize performance training

EDM–Wire
Advanced programming

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Master productivity in EDM Wire cutting by using advanced programming

What are the course contents?

- Introduction to specific advanced programming language
- Automation of repetitive measurements of pieces and machining processes
- Creation of standardized routines
- Creation of a measurement ratio program
- Strategy for optimized machining of one or more workpieces
- Creating a full example

What is the course objective?

- In this course, participants learn how to standardize complex routines, such as measurement of pieces and automated machine Tooling.

What are the course benefits?

- Make productivity gains, eliminate the risk of error, and profit from enhanced flexibility by machining at different levels of precision.
Maximize performance training

EDM–Wire

TAPER-EXPERT

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Master precision and surface finish on conical workpieces with EDM Wire cutting

What are the course contents?

- Machine configurations
- Option assembly
- Machine settings
- Raising awareness of the importance of wire quality
- Definition of objective and limits
- Selection of wires according to required precision and inclination
- Creating a full example

What is the course objective?

In this course, participants learn how to machine precision conical workpieces without affecting the surface finish.

What are the course benefits?

- Acquire knowledge on important and necessary elements for the successful machining of ultra-precise angles in order to make productivity gains and eliminate the risk of error.
Dedicated training

Customized training based on your specific needs to increase your knowledge and machine performance.
Realize the full potential of your machine with training customized to your needs

### What are the course contents?
- Adapted to your machine
- Adapted to your operator’s skill level
- Adapted to your business needs

### What is the course objective?
- Provide your operators with the key knowledge to achieve your business objectives.

### What are the course benefits?
- Acquire the knowledge essential to successful machining.
About GF Machining Solutions

Multi–technology solutions provider

Our commitment to you and your specific applications is proven by the value-adding intelligence, productivity and quality delivered by our multi-technology solutions. Your success is our chief motivator. That’s why we are continuously advancing our legendary technical expertise. Wherever you are, whatever your market segment and whatever the size of your operation, we have the complete solutions and the customer-centric commitment to accelerate your success—today.

**Wire-cutting EDM**
GF Machining Solutions’ wire-cutting EDM is fast, precise and increasingly energy efficient. From ultraprecise machining of miniaturized components down to 0.02 mm to powerful solutions for demanding high-speed machining with respect to surface accuracy, our wire EDM solutions position you for success.

**Die-sinking EDM**
GF Machining Solutions is revolutionizing die-sinking EDM with features like iGAP technology to dramatically boost machining speed and reduce electrode wear. All of our die-sinking systems offer fast removal and deliver mirror finishes of Ra 0.1 μm (4 μin).

**Hole-drilling EDM**
GF Machining Solutions’ robust hole-drilling EDM solutions enable you to drill holes in electrically conductive materials at a very high speed—and, with a five-axis configuration, at any angle on a workpiece with an inclined surface.

**Milling**
Precision tool and mold manufacturers enjoy a competitive edge with our Mikron MILL P solutions’ fast and precise machining. The Mikron MILL P machines achieve above-average productivity thanks to their high performance and Automation. Customers seeking fastest return on investment benefit from the affordable efficiency of our MILL E solutions.

**High Performance Airfoil Machining**
Our Liechti turnkey solutions enable the highly dynamic manufacturing of precision airfoils. Thanks to the unique performance and our expertise in airfoil machining, you increase productivity by producing at the lowest cost per part.

**Spindles**
As part of GF Machining Solutions, Step-Tec is engaged in the very first stage of each machining center development project. Compact design combined with excellent thermal and geometric repeatability ensure the perfect integration of this core component into the machine tool.

**Advanced manufacturing**
Laser texturing
Aesthetic and functional texturing is easy and infinitely repeatable with our digitized Laser technology. Even complex 3D geometries, including precision parts, are textured, engraved, microstructured, marked and labeled.

**Laser micromachining**
GF Machining Solutions offers the industry’s most complete line of Laser micromachining platforms optimized for small, high-precision features to meet the increasing need for smaller, smarter parts to support today’s leading-edge products.

**Laser Additive Manufacturing (AM)**
GF Machining Solutions and 3D Systems, a leading global provider of additive manufacturing solutions and the pioneer of 3D printing, have partnered to introduce new metal 3D printing solutions that enable manufacturers to produce complex metal parts more efficiently.

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**Tooling**
Our customers experience complete autonomy while maintaining extreme accuracy, thanks to our highly accurate System 3R reference systems for holding and positioning electrodes and work pieces. All types of machines can easily be linked, which reduces set-up times and enables a seamless transfer of workpieces between different operations.

**Automation**
Together with System 3R, we also provide scalable and cost-effective Automation solutions for simple, single machine cells or complex, multi-process cells, tailored to your needs.

**Software**
Digitalization solutions
To drive its digital transformation, GF Machining Solutions acquired symmedia GmbH, a company specialized in software for machine connectivity. Together, we offer a complete range of Industry 4.0 solutions across all industries. The future requires the agility to adapt quickly to continual digital processes. Our intelligent manufacturing offers embedded expertise, optimized production processes, and workshop Automation solutions for smart and connected machines.

**Customer Services**
Worldwide for you
Ensuring the best performance throughout the lifetime of our customers’ equipment is the goal of our three levels of support. Operations Support offers the complete range of original wear parts and certified consumables. Machine Support includes spare parts, technical support, and a range of preventive services to maximize machine uptime. Business Support offers customer-specific business solutions.

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