



FM PRODUCTION MODULES

FM 3+X FM 3+X hd FM 4+X hd



CONCEPT

Development background

From the early days of mass production for metal cutting workpieces until now there were a lot of improvements in production technology to maximize profitability. New work materials and optimized tool technology led to a dramatic reduction of cutting times over the years.

There was also a significant reduction of non-productive idle times in recent years due to improved machine tool technologies, but it didn't keep pace at all with reduction of productive times. Especially for mass production parts which require a lot of different tools with short cutting times, such as for drilling or threading, this means a huge leak of total productivity.

This was a good reason for ELHA to work hard on a solution. As a result ELHA developed and established a brilliant machining concept which has sustainably revolutionized the metal cutting industry, especially for mass production applications.

Conventional machining

on a machining center

- Tool spindle changes tools for each different process
- Tool spindle moves from/toward the workpiece

Ideal machining concept for:



High number of different workpieces and work setup





Paradigm change

with a FM production module

- All required process tools are arranged inside the machining area at a fixed position
- Each tool has it's own specific, optimized spindle size and drive by using multi spindle heads or turrets
- The worktable with clamped workpiece(s) moves from tool to tool; shortest chip-to-chip times
- No tool change within the process; no inaccuracy due to tool change
- Single/multiple part clamping & single/multiple spindle machining possible (depending on application)

Ideal machining concept for:



Mass production of more than 100k of same or similar workpieces per year



Limited quantity of various workpiece types



Moderate number of different tools and clampings



Optimal for light metals, steel, forging and casting materials

MACHINE DESIGN

Multi spindle heads

Multi spindle heads are the process specific key components for maximum productivity

Drum type turret

Higher flexibility due to increased capacity of different tools up to max.128 direct driven tools

Hydrostatic ram

The hydrostatic ram ensures highest rigidity and damping to achieve best performance and accuracy even for heavy cutting operations



Double feed drives

For powerful, highly accurate and dynamic feeds as well as for fast rapids to reduce idle times



Work fixture

Process specific, hydraulic automatic fixtures for single or multiple workpiece clamping, designed by ELHA

Spindle fine adjustment

Easy, quick and highly accurate adjustment of the spindles for highest work precision



Machine Design FM 3+X hd

productivity

Customized components for:

flexibility

Maximum productivity

...by utilization of process optimized multi spindle heads only

Maxiumum flexibility

...by utilization of up to four drum type turrets and 128 direct driven tools

Optimized productivity and flexibility

...by combination of multi spindle heads and drum type turrets

APPLICATIONS





- · die cast aluminium
- complete machining in two fixture positions with 2 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



- fixture position with 1 FM 3+X
- 3 workpieces simultaneously





- die cast aluminium
- complete machining in one fixture position with 1 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously
- forged steel
 - complete machining in two fixture positions with 3 FM 3+X
 - 4 workpieces simultaneously





- complete machining in two fixture positions with 2 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously
- casting
- complete machining in two fixture pos. with 2 FM 4+X hd
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



• steel casting 1.4848

· complete machining in three

positions on 3 FM 3+X hd



- die cast aluminium
- complete machining in one position on 1 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously

FM Production Module view machine in operation







- chilled aluminium casting
- complete machining in two fixture positions with 2 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



- steel casting
- · partial machining in one fixture position
- 3 workpieces simultaneously



- cast iron
- partial machining in one fixture position with 1 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



- GGG 70
- complete machining in one fixture position with 1 FM 3+X
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



- GGG 40
- · partial machining in two fixture positions with 2 FM 4+X hd
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



- casting
- complete machining in three positions on 3 FM 4+X hd
- 2 workpieces simultaneously



- die cast aluminium
- complete machining in two fixture positions on 2 FM 3+X



- steel
- complete machining in one position on 3 FM 3+X hd
- 4 workpieces simultaneously

MACHINE TYPES

FM 3+X

our bestseller



The FM 3+X is the most popular model and first choice for small and midsize workpieces in light metals and steel materials

FM 3+X hd

for heavy machining

Due to double feed drives and hydrostatic ram the FM 3+X hd is the best solution for heavy cutting operations in steel, forging, casting or other tough materials

FM 4+X hd for large machining



The large and rigid machine design of the FM 4+X hd ensures best performance on midsize and large workpieces even for tough materials



Convincing by quality

More than 350 sold units are the impressive proof for highest customer satisfaction, best reliability and outstanding performance in automotive mass production

SPECIFICATIONS

(i) Machine model recommendation/selection by ELHA according to customers requirements

TRAVELS		
X-axis (cross)	mm	
Y-axis (vertical)	mm	
Z-axis (ram)	mm	
FEEDS		
Speed	m/min	
Acceleration (max.)	m/s²	
Feed force X / Y / Z (max.)	kN	
ROTARY TABLE		
Diameter	mm	
Rotational speed	rpm	
Clamping torque	Nm	
Positioning accuracy	arcsec	
Indexing	degree	
SPINDLES		
Max. power (S1-100%)	kW	
Max. speed	rpm	
Max. torque	Nm	
CONNECTED POWER		
Power requirement (3 AC 400V / 50Hz)	kVA	
Compressed air	bar	
DIMENSIONS		
Width	mm	
Depth	mm	
Height	mm	
Transportation height	mm	
Workpiece loading height	mm	
Weight incl. peripheral equipment	ca. t	



FM 3+X hd	FM 4+X hd
500	800
1200	1400
400	800
60	48
8	6
20	40 / 20 / 20
300	400
80	80
2100	4000
±5	±5
0.001	0.001
37	50
20000	20000
200	800
60	80
5	5
3000	3500
3570	4525
3500	3950
3150	3400
1100	1100
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Industries & Products



Automotive



FM **Production Modules**



FM SMART Transfer Centers



Energy

Large bearings



VTM Vertical Turn-Milling Centers



RTX Rotary Table Machining Centers



Aerospace

General machining



SMX Special Machining Centers



SPX Special Purpose Machines

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ELHA is a family-owned company known for customized machine tools and process solutions. Many industries in the metalworking industry trust ELHA's experience and competence in the development and realisation of highly productive machining processes as well as the design and manufacture of cutting machine tools and turn-key solutions.

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