

Chip-Type Machining Processes

Basic Mechanics of Metal Cutting

- ▶ **Metal** ahead of the **cutting tool** is **compressed** and this results in the **deformation** or **elongation** of the **crystal structure** resulting in a **shearing** of the metal.
- ▶ As the **process continues**, the metal above the cutting edge is forced along the “chip–tool” interference zone and is moved away from the work.

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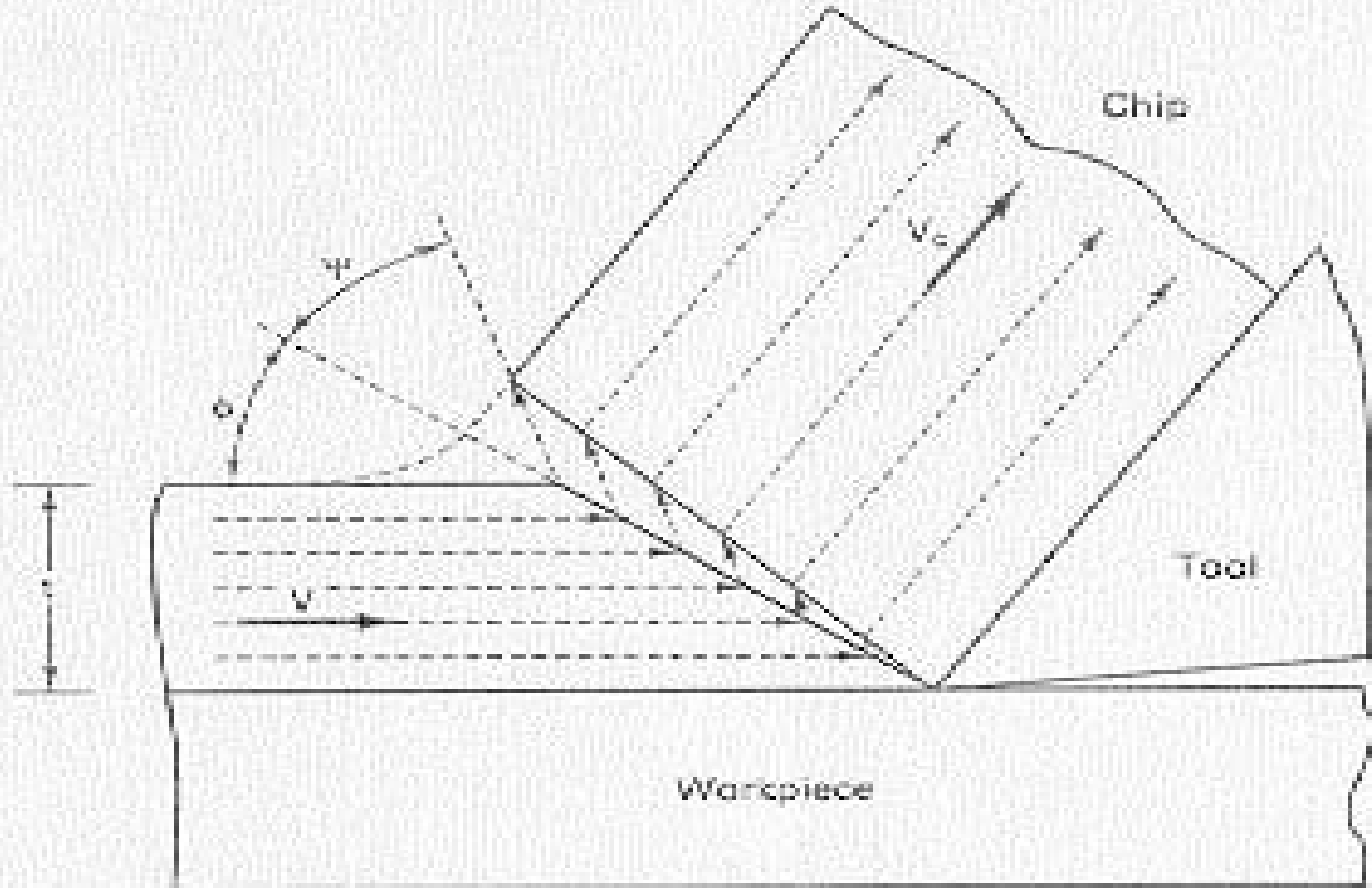



FIGURE 21-13 Schematic representation of the material flow, i.e., the chip forming shear process.

Chip Formations

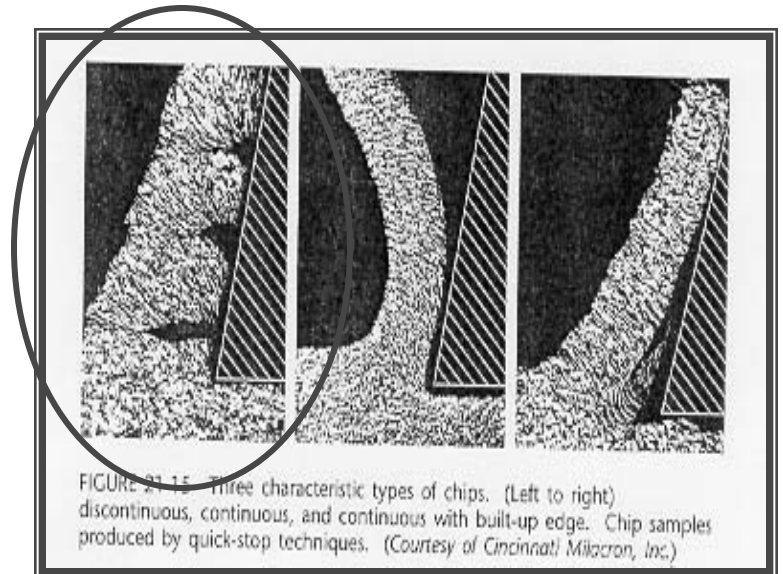
- ▶ During this process three basic types of chips are formed namely:
 - Discontinuous
 - Continuous
 - Continuous with a Built-Up Edge (BUE)

Discontinuous

- ▶ Typically associated with **brittle metals** like Cast Iron
 - ▶ As **tool contacts work**, some **compression** takes place
 - ▶ As the **chip starts up** the chip–tool interference zone, **increased stress** occurs until the metal reaches a **saturation point** and **fractures** off the work piece.
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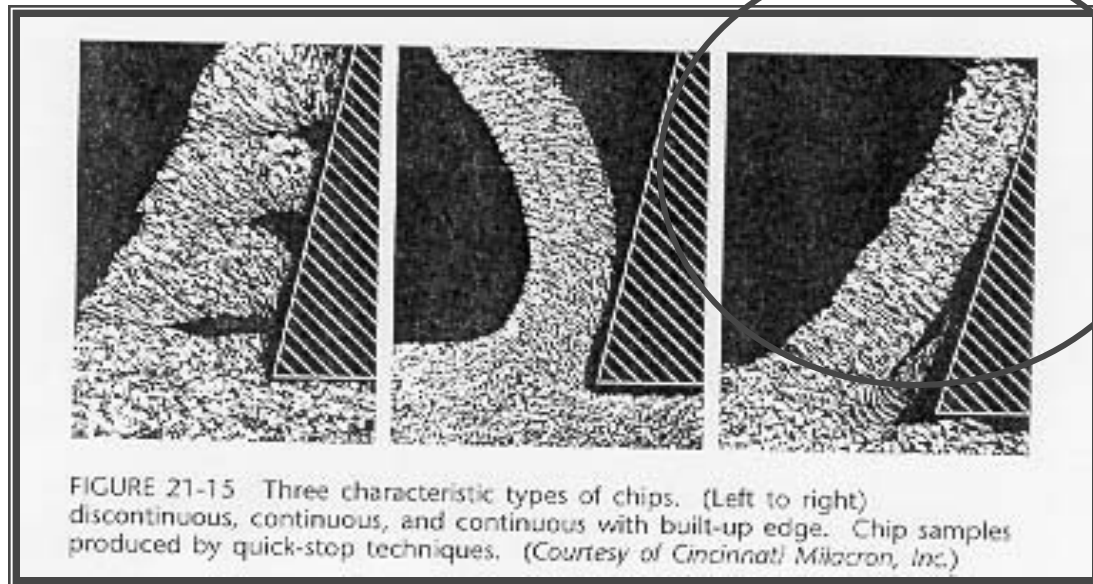
Discontinuous

- ▶ Conditions which favor this type of chip
 - Brittle work material
 - Small rake angles on cutting tools
 - Coarse machining feeds
 - Low cutting speeds
 - Major disadvantage—could result in poor surface finish



Continuous

- ▶ Continuous “ribbon” of metal that flows up the chip/tool zone.
- ▶ Usually considered the ideal condition for efficient cutting action.



Continuous

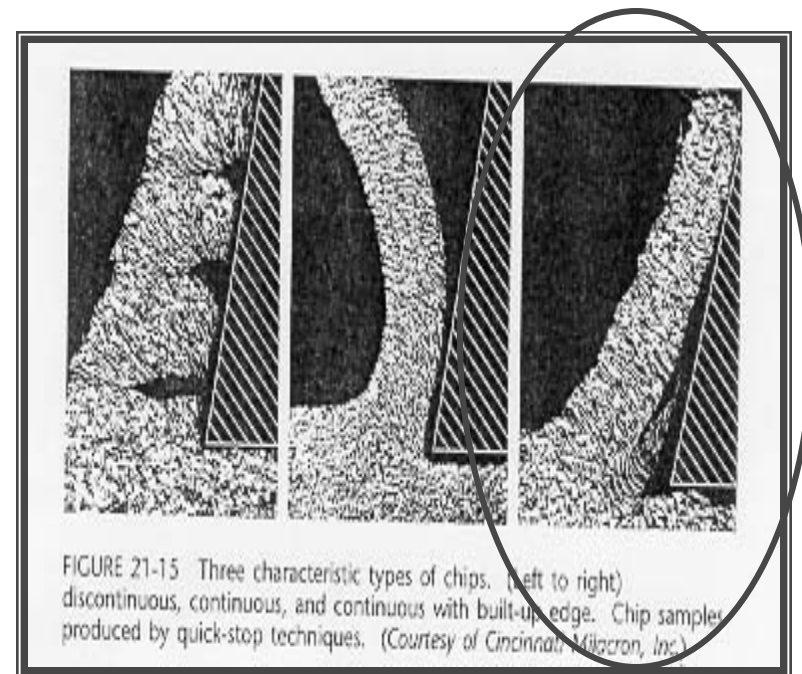
- ▶ Conditions which favor this type of chip:
 - Ductile work
 - Fine feeds
 - Sharp cutting tools
 - Larger rake angles
 - High cutting speeds
 - Proper coolants

Continuous with a Built-up Edge(BUE)


- ▶ Same process as continuous, but as the **metal begins to flow up** the chip-tool zone, small particles of the **metal begin to adhere or weld themselves to the edge** of the cutting tool.
- ▶ As the particles continue to weld to the tool it affects the cutting action of the tool.

Continuous with a built-up edge(BUE)

- ▶ This type of chip is common in softer non-ferrous metals and low carbon steels.
- ▶ Problems
 - Welded edges break off and can become embedded in workpiece
 - Decreases tool life
 - Can result in poor surface finishes



Heat & Temperature in Machining

- ▶ In metal cutting the power input into the process is largely converted to heat.
 - ▶ This elevates the temperature of the chips, work-piece and tool.
 - ▶ These elements along with the coolant act as heat sinks.
 - ▶ So lets look at coolants...
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Coolants / Cutting fluids

- ▶ Cutting fluids are used extensively in metal removal processes and they
 - Act as a coolant, lubricant, and assist in removal of chips.
 - Primary mission of cutting fluids is to extend tool life by keeping keep temperatures down.
 - Most effective coolant is water...
 - However, it is hardly ever used by itself.
 - Typically mixed with a water soluble oil to add corrosion resistance and add lubrication capabilities.


Issues Associated With Coolants

- ▶ Environmental Concerns
 - ▶ Machine systems and Maintenance
 - ▶ Operators Safety
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Machining Operations

- ▶ Machining Operations can be classified into two major categories:
 - Single point = Turning on a Lathe
 - Multiple tooth cutters = pocket milling on a vertical milling machine

Tool Selection Factors

- ▶ Inputs
 - ▶ Work material
 - ▶ Type of Cut
 - ▶ Part Geometry and Size
 - ▶ Lot size
 - ▶ Machinability data
 - ▶ Quality needed
 - ▶ Past experience of the decision maker
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Constraints

- ▶ Manufacturing Practice
- ▶ Machine Condition
- ▶ Finish part Requirements
- ▶ Work holding devices / Gigs
- ▶ Required Process Time

Outputs

- ▶ Selected Tools
 - ▶ Cutting parameters
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Tool Selection Process

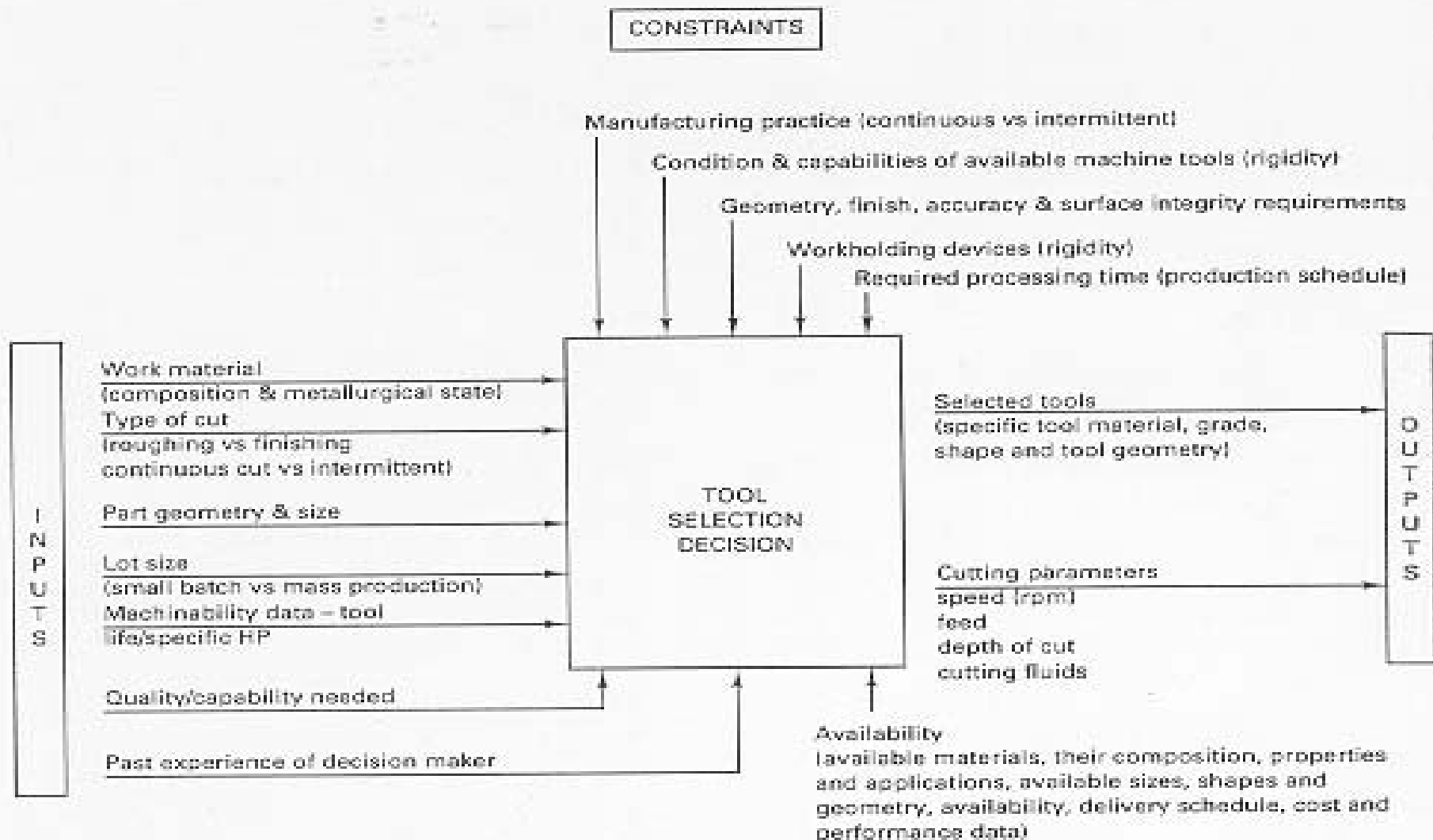




FIGURE 22-2 The selection of the cutting tool material and geometry and the cutting conditions for a given application depends on many variables.

Elements of an Effective Tool

- ▶ High Hardness
 - ▶ Resistance to Abrasion and Wear
 - ▶ Strength to resist bulk deformation
 - ▶ Adequate thermal properties
 - ▶ Consistent Tool life
 - ▶ Correct Geometry
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Tool Materials

- ▶ Wide variety of materials and compositions are available to choose from when selecting a cutting tool
 - ▶ We covered these in the previous chapter
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Tool Geometry

- ▶ The geometry of a cutting tool is determined by three factors:
 - Properties of the Tool material
 - Properties of the Work piece
 - Type of Cut

Tool Geometry

- ▶ The most important geometry's to consider on a cutting tool are
 - Back Rake Angles
 - End Relief Angles
 - Side Relief Angles

Standard Terminology for Tool Geometry

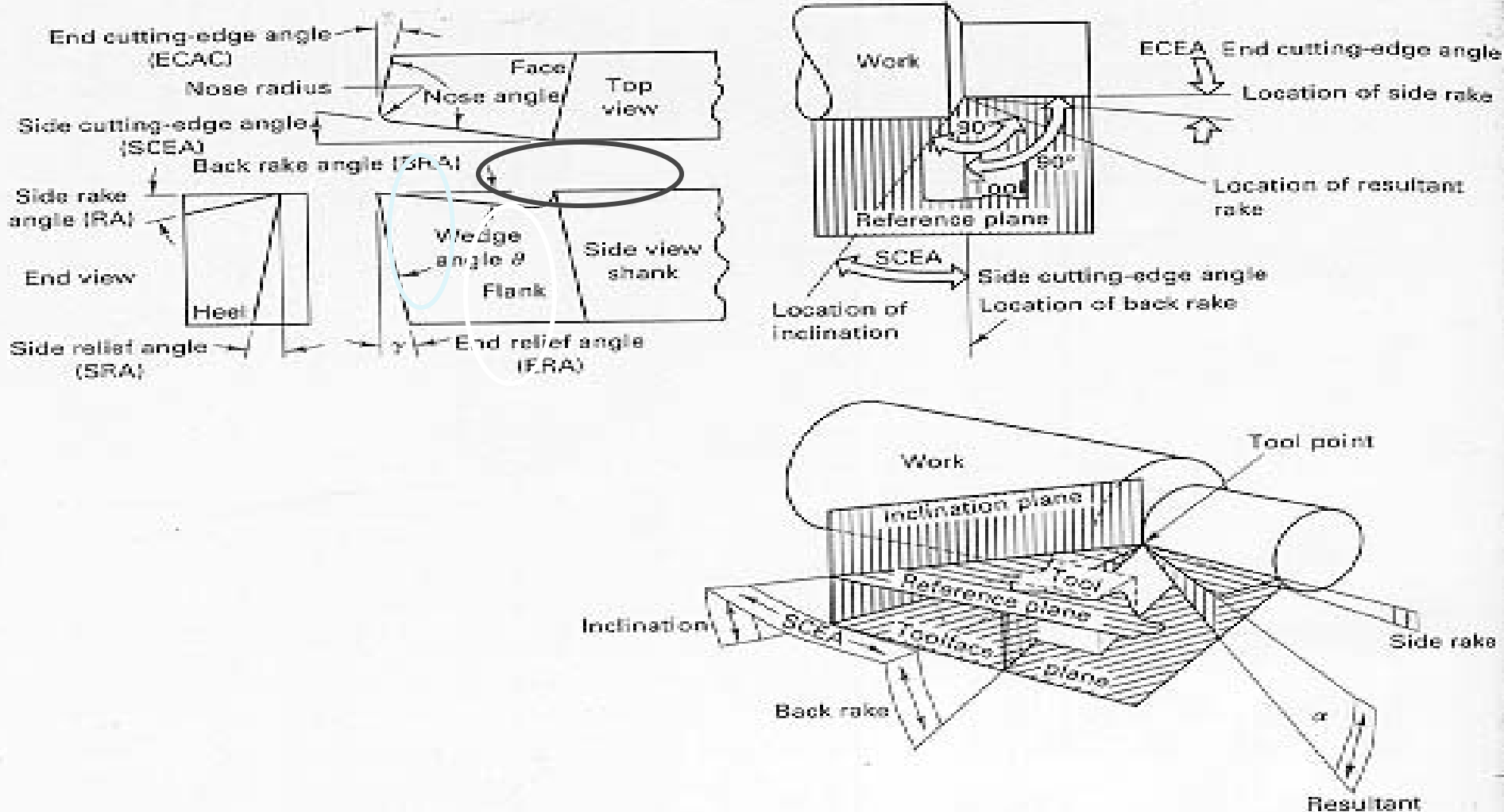


FIGURE 22-11 Standard terminology to describe the geometry of single-point tools.

Rake Angles

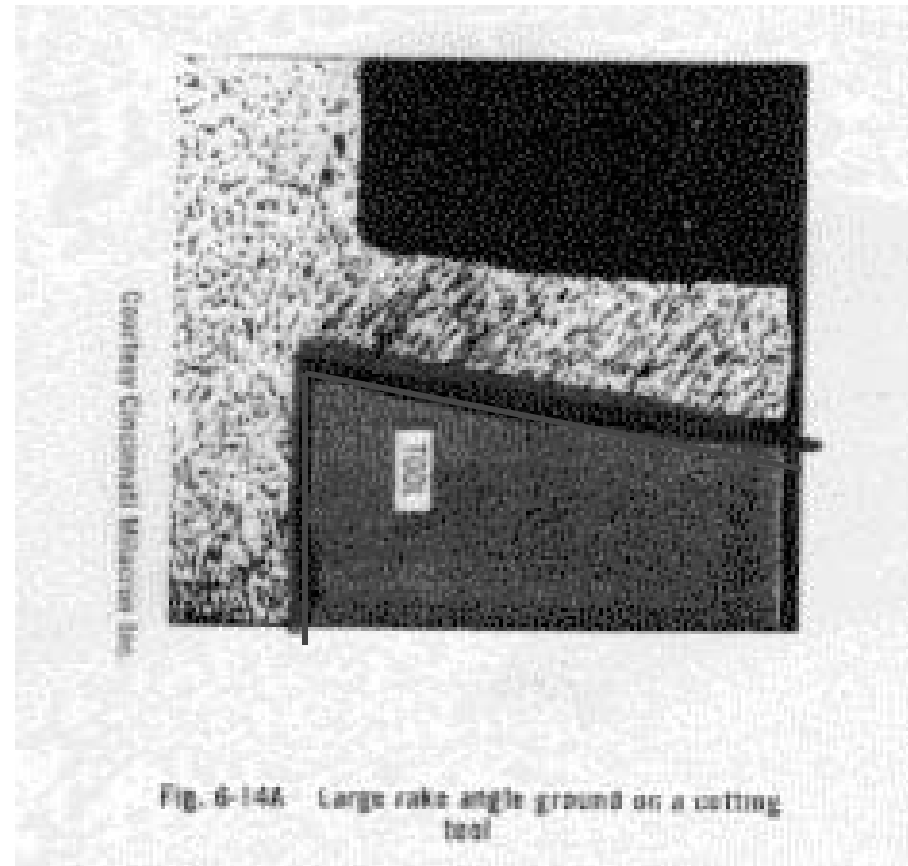
- ▶ Back—Allows the tool to shear the work and form the chip.
- ▶ It can be positive or negative
 - Positive = reduced cutting forces, limited deflection of work, tool holder and machine
 - Negative = typically used to machine harder metals—heavy cuts
- ▶ The side and back rake angle combine to form the “true rake angle”

Rake Angles

- ▶ Small to medium rake angles cause:
 - high compression
 - high tool forces
 - high friction
 - result = Thick—highly deformed—hot chips

Rake Angles

- ▶ Larger positive rake angles
 - Reduce compression and less chance of a discontinuous chip
 - Reduce forces
 - Reduce friction
 - Result = A thinner, less deformed, and cooler chip.



Rake Angles

- ▶ Problems....as we increase the angle:
 - Reduce strength of tool
 - Reduce the capacity of the tool to conduct heat away from the cutting edge.
 - To increase the strength of the tool and allow it to conduct heat better, in some tools, zero to negative rake angles are used.

Negative Rake Tools

- ▶ Typical tool materials which utilize negative rakes are:
 - Carbide
 - Diamonds
 - Ceramics
- ▶ These materials tend to be much more brittle than HSS but they hold superior hardness at high temperatures.
- ▶ The negative rake angles transfer the cutting forces to the tool which help to provide added support to the cutting edge.

Negative Rake Tools

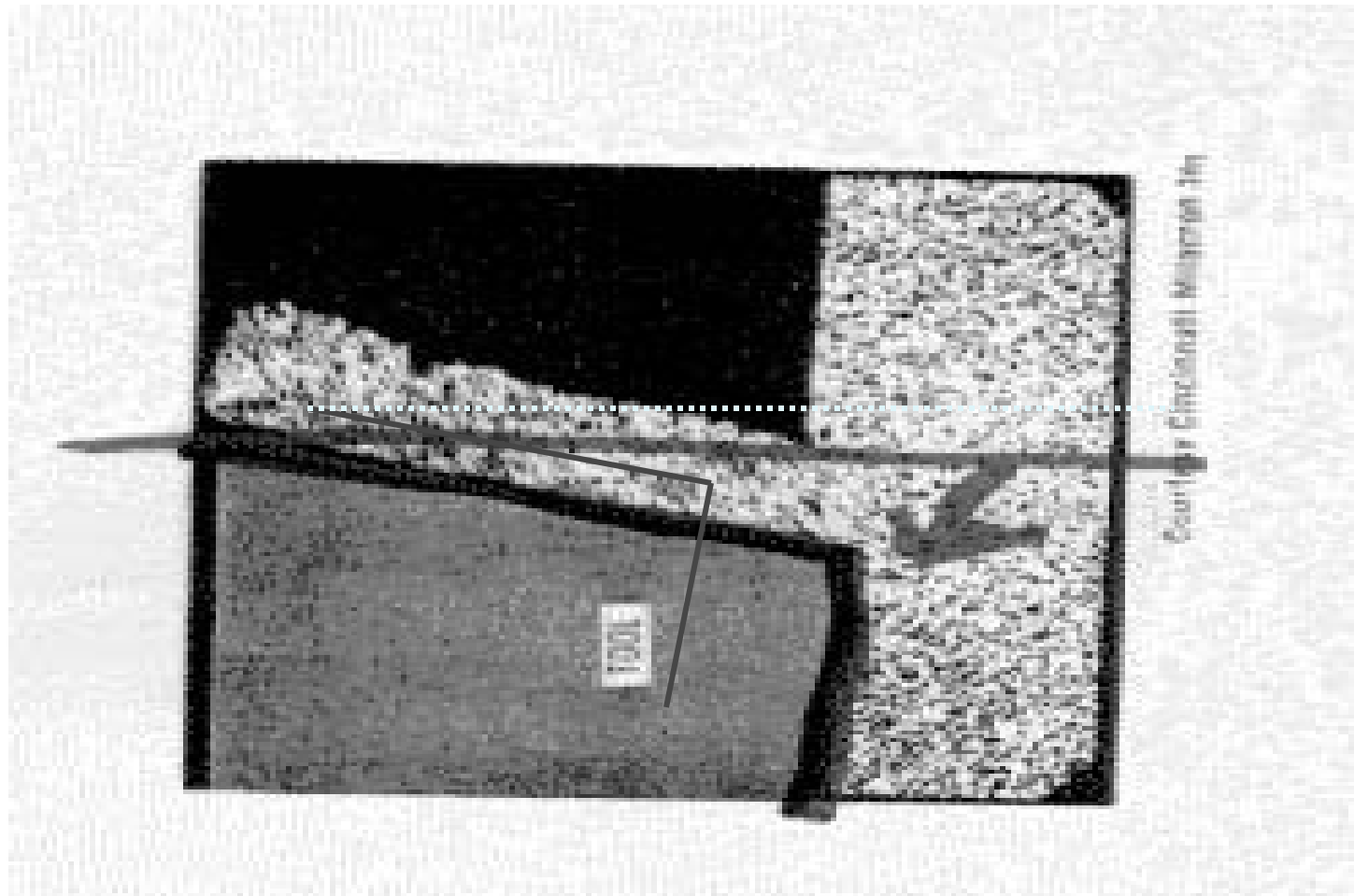


Fig. 6-148 Small or negative rake angle ground on a cutting tool

Summary Positive vs. Negative Rake Angles

- ▶ Positive rake angles
 - Reduced cutting forces
 - Smaller deflection of work, tool holder, and machine
 - Considered by some to be the most efficient way to cut metal
 - Creates large shear angle, reduced friction and heat
 - Allows chip to move freely up the chip-tool zone
 - Generally used for continuous cuts on ductile materials which are not too hard or brittle

Summary Positive vs. Negative Rake Angles

- ▶ Negative rake angles
 - Initial shock of work to tool is on the face of the tool and not on the point or edge. This prolongs the life of the tool.
 - Higher cutting speeds/feeds can be employed

Tool Angle Application

- ▶ Factors to consider for tool angles
 - The hardness of the metal
 - Type of cutting operation
 - Material and shape of the cutting tool
 - The strength of the cutting edge

Carbide Inset Selection

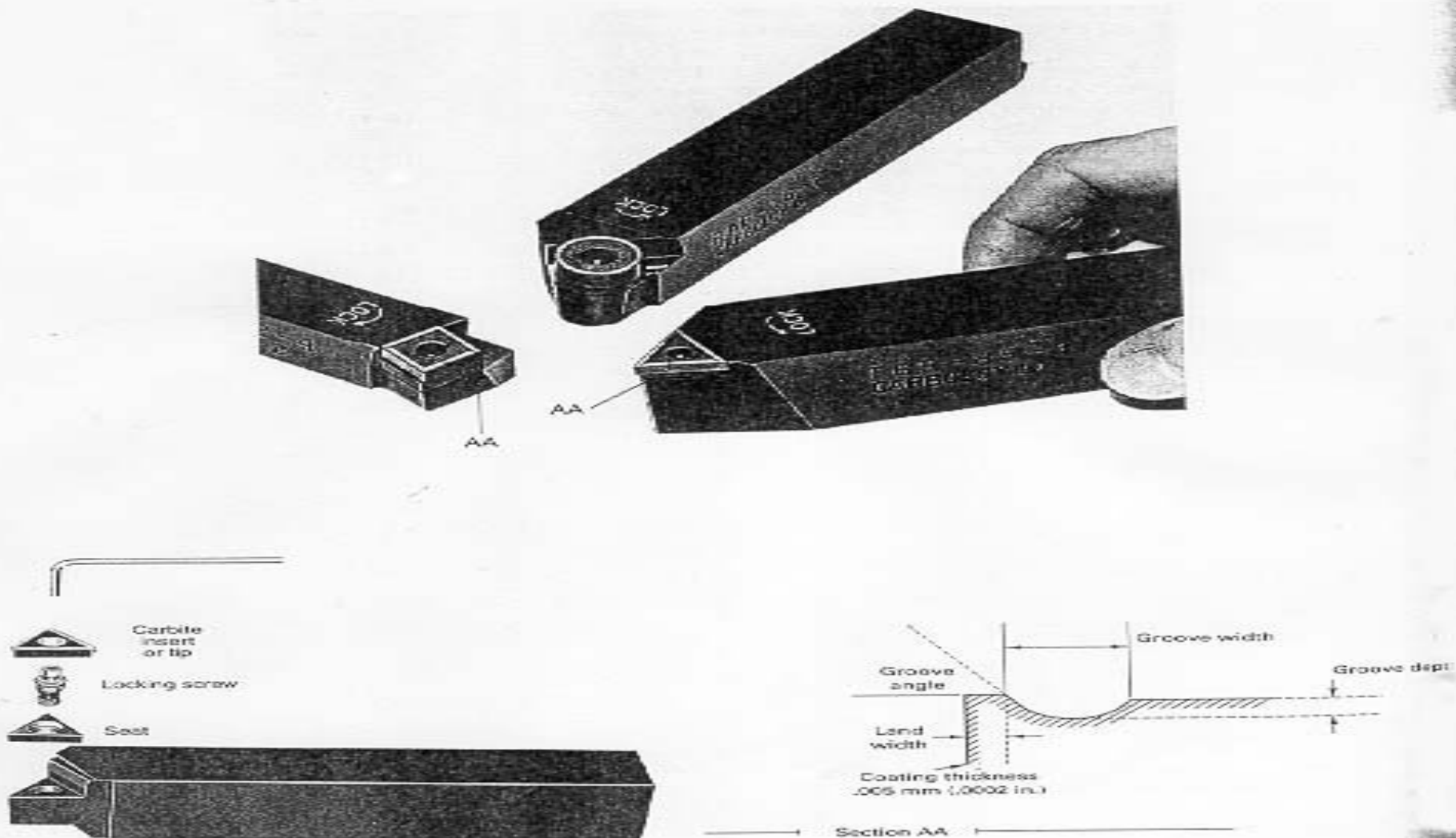
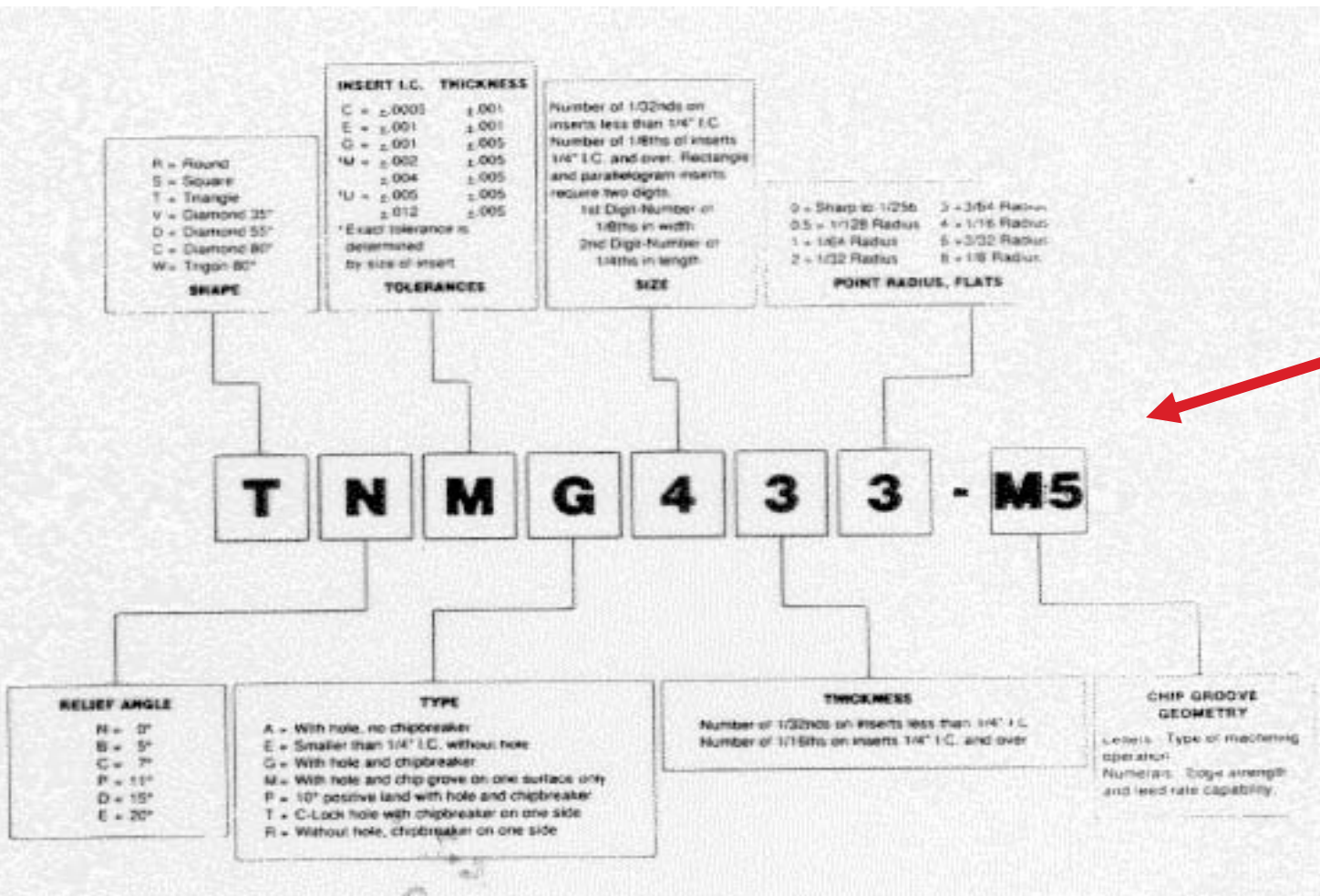


FIGURE 22-5 (Top) Examples of throwaway carbide cutting tool tip with chipbreaker grooves on rake face; (Left) components of a typical mounting holder; (Section AA) groove design on coated tool to reduce forces and breakup chips. (Courtesy of General Electric.)

Carbide Inset Selection



*M1-Fine
 M2-Medium
 M3-S.S
 M4-Cast iron
 M5-General Purpose*

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