

Automated Form Error Correction







Setup Photo

Goal:

Demonstrate automated form error correction of a parabolic component by means of on-machine measurement and analysis. Corrections were made by measuring the part using Precitech's air bearing LVDT. The results were analyzed by Taylor Hobson's Aspheric Analysis Utility (AAU) software and the X-offset and tool radius corrections were automatically updated in the tool table. This method will correct much of the form error.

Process Steps:

- Roughing cut: Nanoform X
- **Measurement:** Precitech air-bearing LVDT
- Analysis: Taylor Hobson Aspheric Analysis Utility
- Update Tool Table: UPx Control
- Finish cut: Nanoform X



Measured form error prior to correction



Part Details:

- Material: PMMA
- Part diameter: 20 mm
- Parabolic base radius: 12 mm

Process Details:

- Tool: Single point diamond tool with 10° clearance
- Radius: 0.05 mm
- Spindle speed: 3,000 RPM
- Coolant: Air

Results:

- Uncorrected form error: 0.3886 µm P-V
- Total process time: < 5 minutes
- X-offset correction: 1.87 µm
- Radius error correction: 2.23 µm
- Corrected form error: 0.1531 µm P-V

Measured form error after X-Offset and tool radius correction



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