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SolidCAM 2023 SP0

What's New





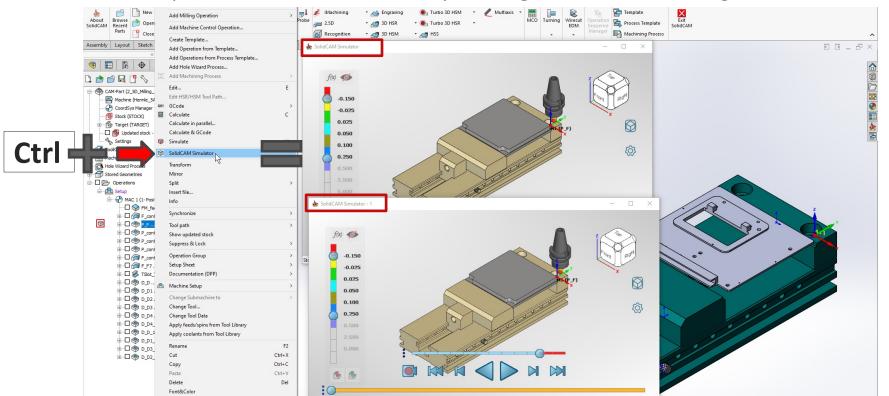








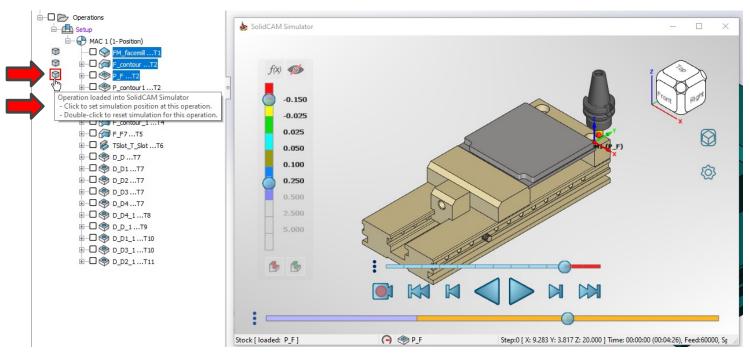
☐ Launch multiple instances of Simulator by holding Ctrl when launching from the CAM tree







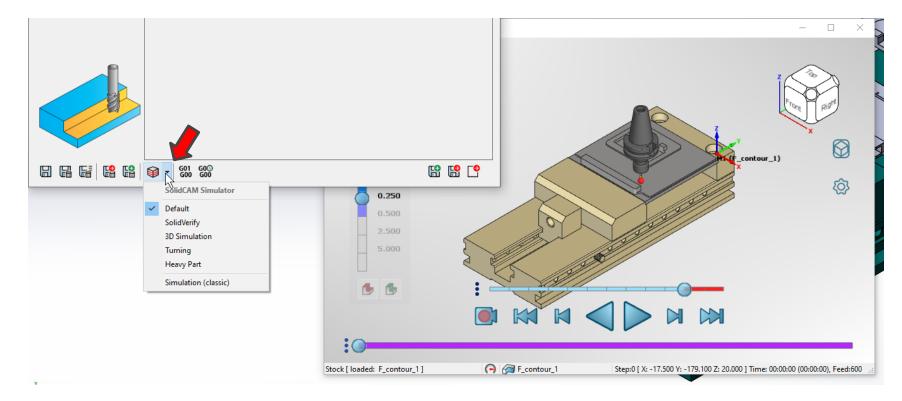
- ☐ Loaded operations are shown in the CAM tree with currently playing operation highlighted
- Single or double-click operation in CAM tree to set position or reset the simulation







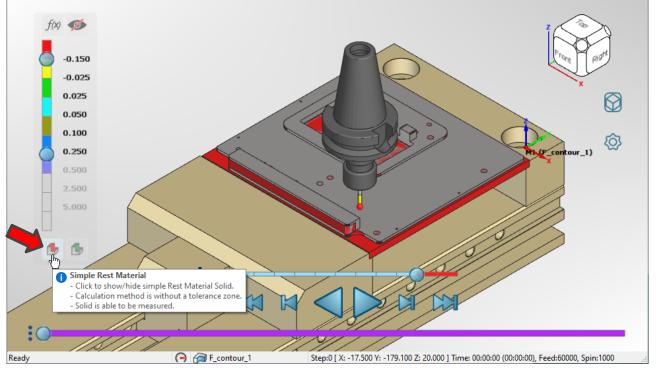
☐ Launch directly into preferred Simulator theme from Operation dialog box







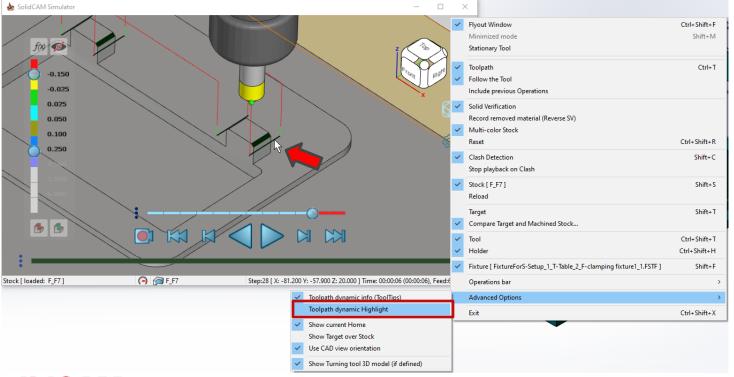
☐ Compare Target and Machined Stock options to show/hide simple rest material and simple gouges (like in SolidVerify Simulation)







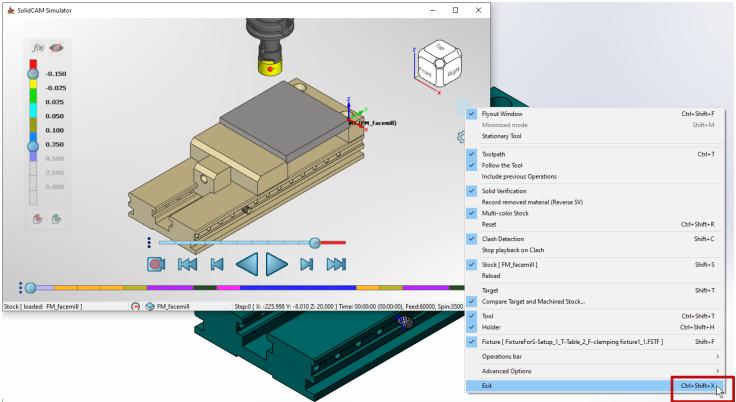
 Dynamic highlighting and selection of tool path can now be disabled for viewing only (ON/OFF Advanced Options)





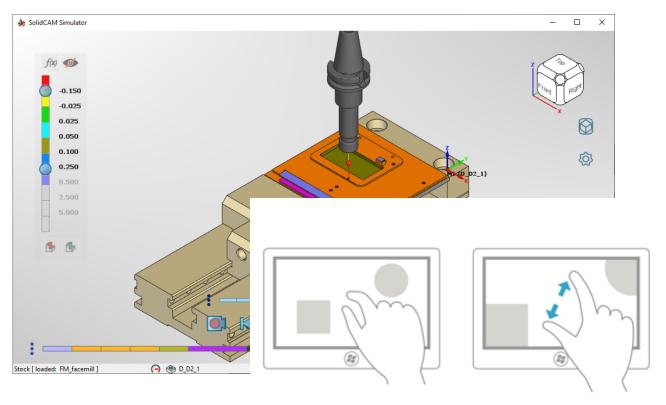


Ctrl+Shift+X shortcut enables you to quickly exit the Simulator





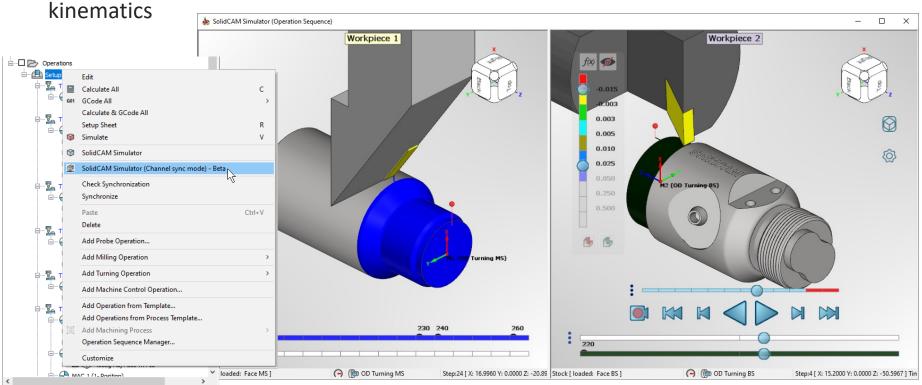
☐ Simulator supports touch controls (zoom/pan/rotate)





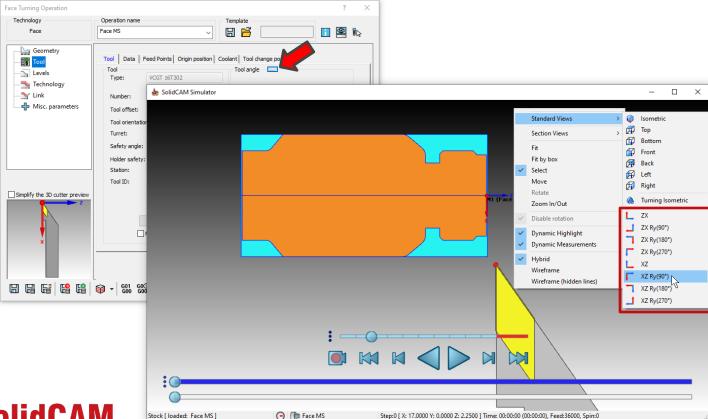


Channel Sync Mode simulates multichannel operations, without full Machine Simulation





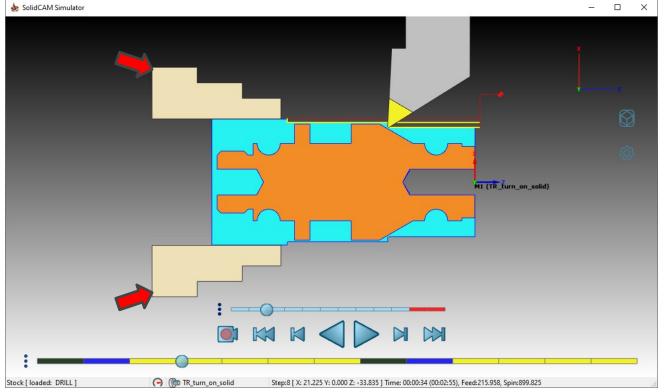
Simulator supports Turning View Orientations & Auto Switches based on Operation







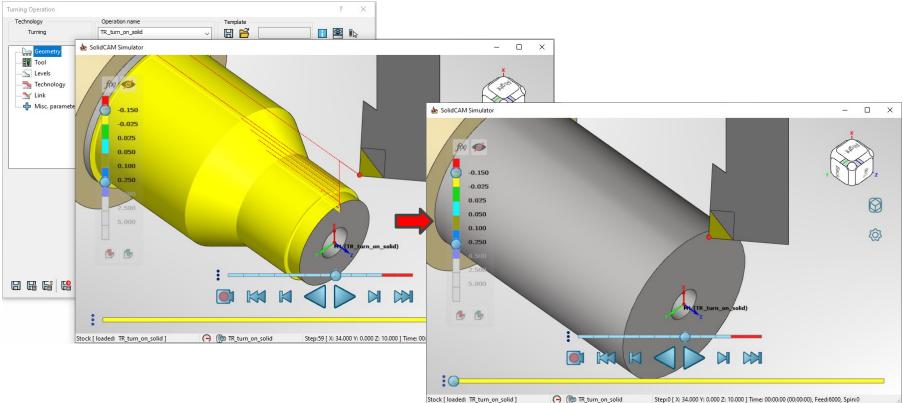
Parametric and STL fixtures are now visible in Simulator 2D Turning theme







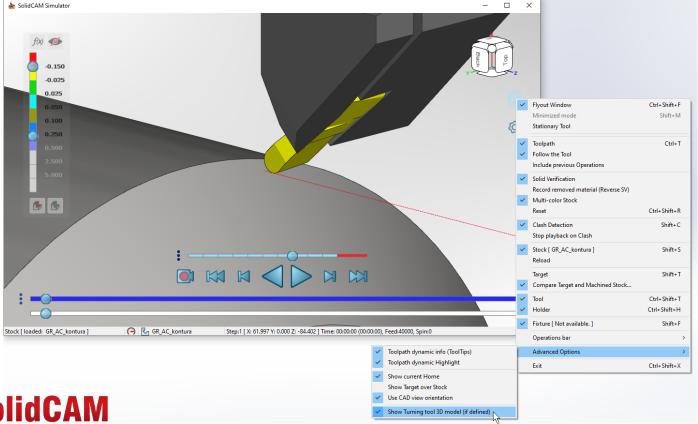
☐ Window and viewing orientation are automatically restored when Simulator is restarted







Simulator displays 3D model representation of Turning Insert STLs (if defined in ToolKit)

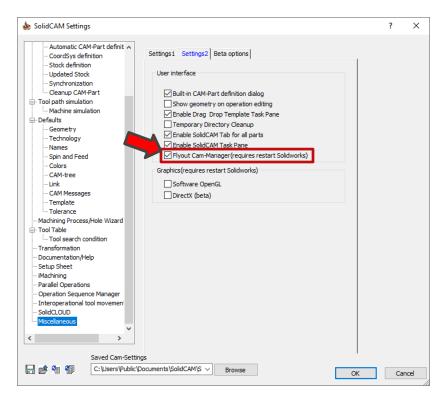


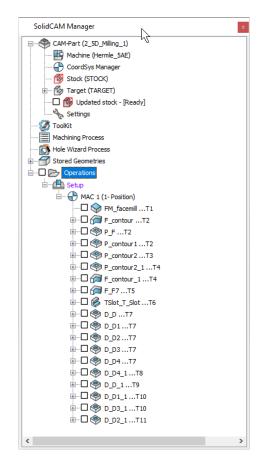


### SolidCAM 2023 - CAM Manager



☐ Flyout CAM Manager (requires restart of SolidWorks)



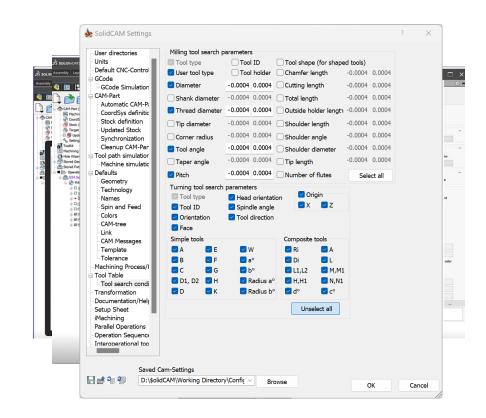




### **SolidCAM 2023 – Hole Wizard Enhancements**



- Advanced Feature Recognition
  - ☐ Recognize Once
  - Use repeatedly
- Feature Based Attributes
  - Dimensional Tolerances
  - ☐ Feature Color Attribute
- ☐ Tool Search Criteria Tolerances

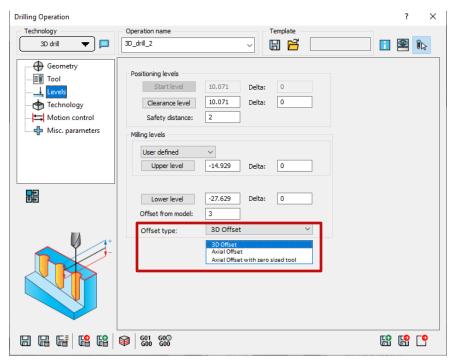




## **SolidCAM 2023 – Drilling Operation**



3D Drill supports Offset type options



- 3D offset (default selection) offsets the tool by the offset value
- Axial offset tool is shifted up/down (+/-) in Z by the offset value
- Axial offset with zero tool a zero sized tool is first projected on the model; tool is then shifted up/down (+/-) in Z by the offset value

## SolidCAM 2023 - U-Axis support

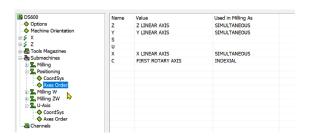


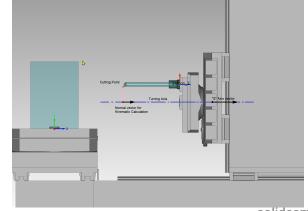
- New axis type "Sub Linear Axis" can be Simultaneous or Indexial
- ☐ **Tool vector** for kinematic calculations is the Drive Unit Axis vector as normal to plane vector.
- ☐ The **tool tip point** for positioning is the projection of the Cutting Point to the Turning Axis.





Name	Value	Used in Turning As	Inclined Turning
Z	Z LINEAR AXIS	SIMULTANEOUS	
Υ	Y LINEAR AXIS	SIMULTANEOUS	
S	FIRST ROTARY AXIS	NOT USED	FALSE
U	SUB LINEAR AXIS	SIMULTANEOUS	
X	X LINEAR AXIS	SIMULTANEOUS	
С			

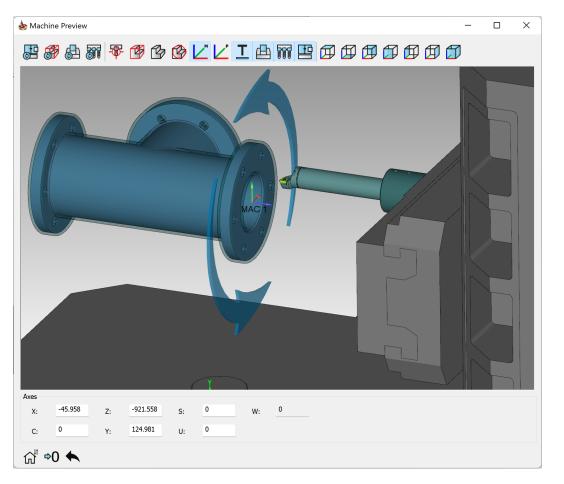






# **SolidCAM 2023 - U-axis machining Support**





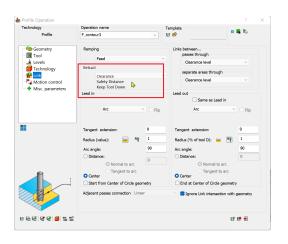
## **SolidCAM 2023 – Collinear axes support**



- In order to support the CNC machines for heavy and gas & oil industries, we are implementing support of machines with collinear axes.
- Those CNC machines are designed to hold heavy parts and make deep holes machining

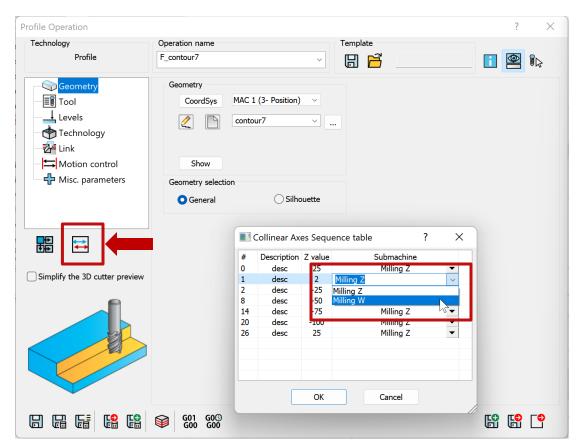


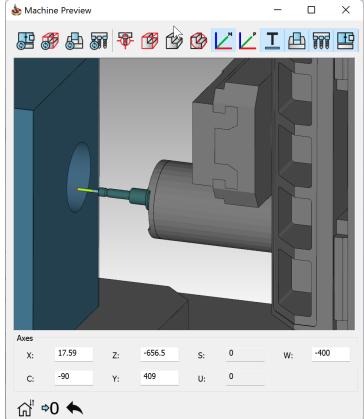




## SolidCAM 2023 - Collinear Axes Support









- ☐ Thread Whirling is a form of the thread milling process. Inserts are mounted on the inside of a cutting ring that rotates around a cylindrical component to cut a thread.
- ☐ It is a productive method often used on Swiss-type CNC machines for thread parts that need to be **produced quickly** and at **tight tolerances** or for threads with a **high length-to-diameter ratio**.
- Typical parts for thread whirling are medical bone screws, implants, feed screws and other microcomponents.





■ Newly supported threading technology that allows the machining of high-quality threads without the risk of bending or vibrations.

In combination with a swiss type machine, it is a very suitable technology for parts with a high length-to-diameter ratio such as bone screws, implants, feed screws, and other microcomponents.

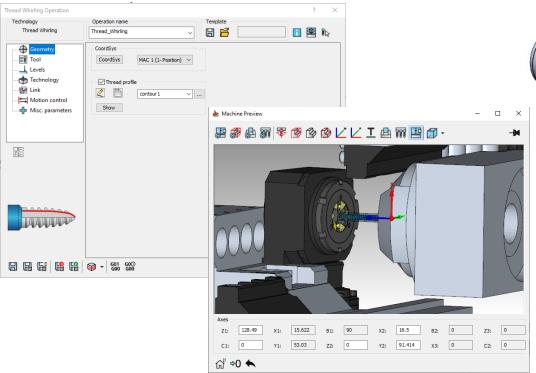








☐ The operation is based on the thread milling module with additional features such as thread with custom profile, machining the thread in Z-axis segments, simplified G-code



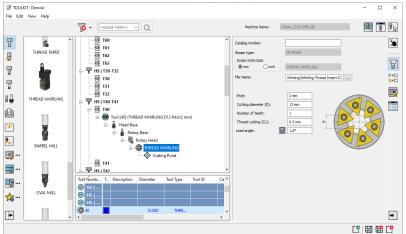


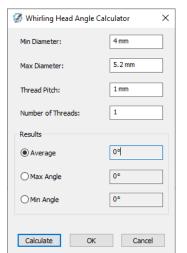


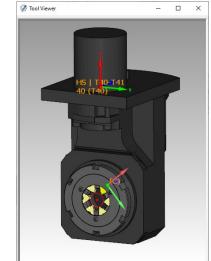
- SolidCAM tool table supports a new type of tool specifically for thread whirling.
- The whirling tool can be easily created with a predefined holder structure and default STL models, ready to use in thread whirling operation.

☐ The tool table offers a calculator for an easy and fast definition of the tool lead angle

based on desired thread diameter and pitch.

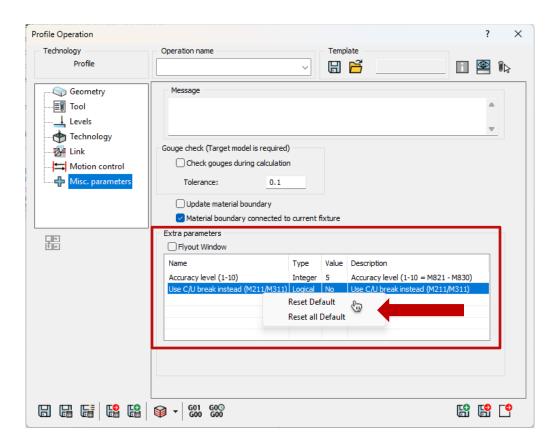






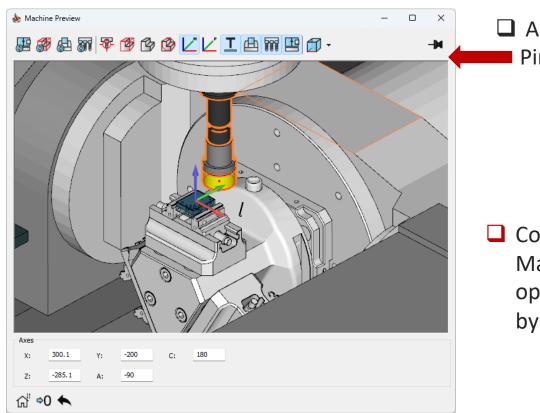
# **Operation – Added ability to Reset to Default Misc. parameters**





## Machine Preview in Setup/ToolKit/Job/ - Added Pin feature



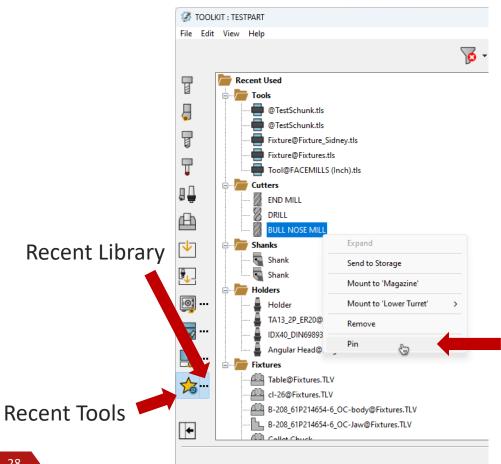


Added possibility toPin Machine Preview

☐ Control whether or not to open Machine Preview automatically when opening Machine Setup, ToolKit or Job by using "Pin" feature

#### **ToolKit - Added "Recent Tools"**

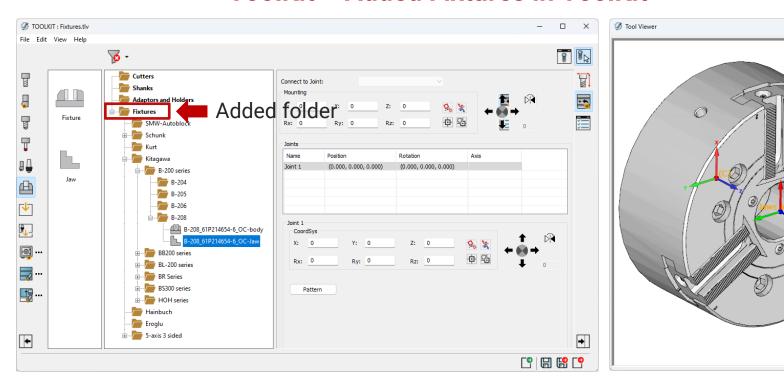




☐ The "Recent Tools" shows 10 last recent components sorted in folders by their type...

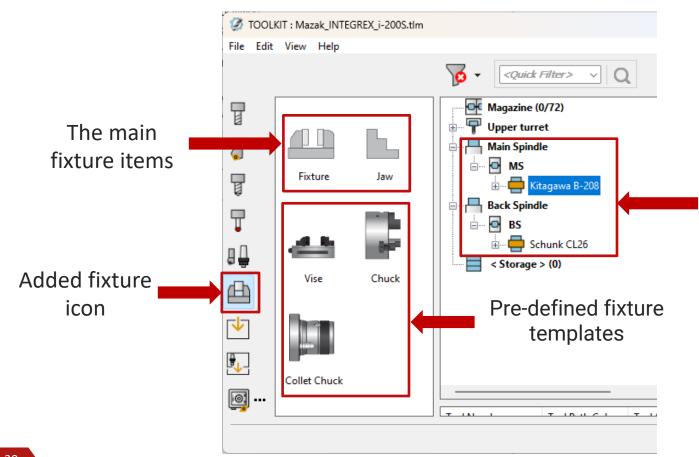
Added possibility to
Pin specific
component





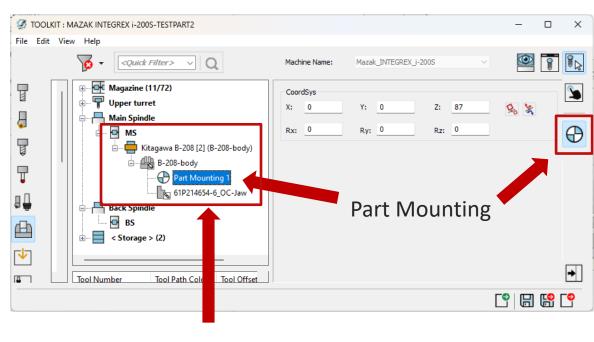
☐ In **SolidCAM2023** added a possibility to define, manage and store fixture components into a vault (.tlv), assemblies (.tls) or machine assembly (.tlm) library.

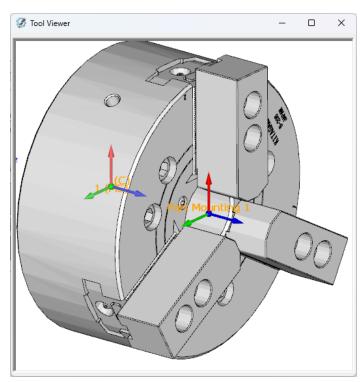




Added option to define fixture on Table



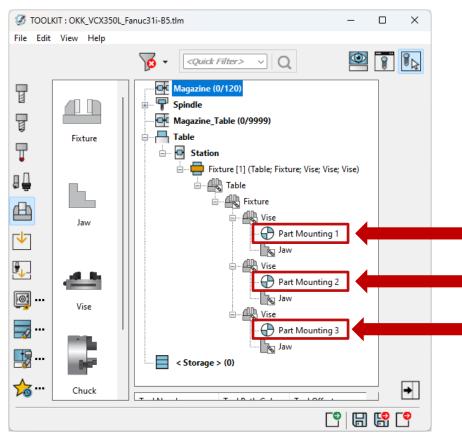




Structure of standard lathe chuck





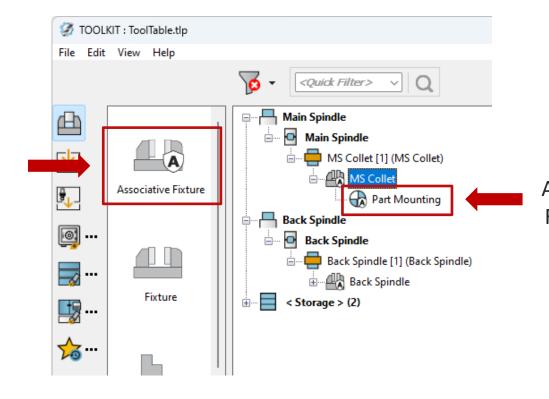


Supporting multi-part mounting positions

### **ToolKit- Fixtures Associativity**



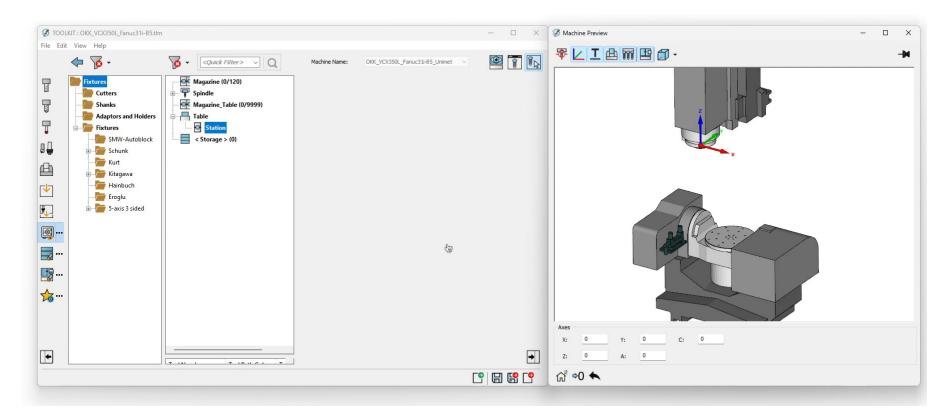
Fixtures CAD Associativity is supported!



Associative Part and Fixture Mounting is **supported!** 

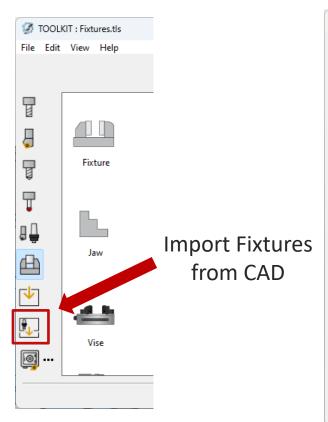
## **ToolKit – The process of Fixture assembling**

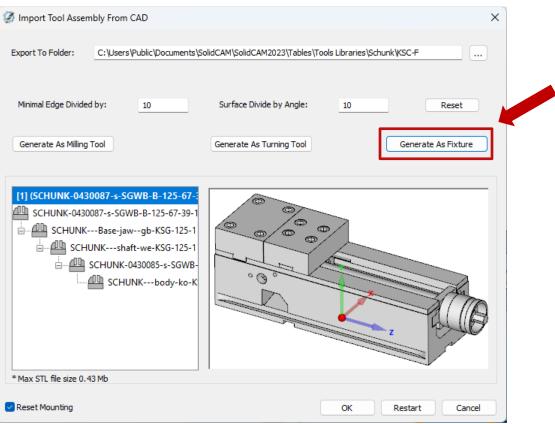




# **ToolKit- Importing Fixture from Wizard**

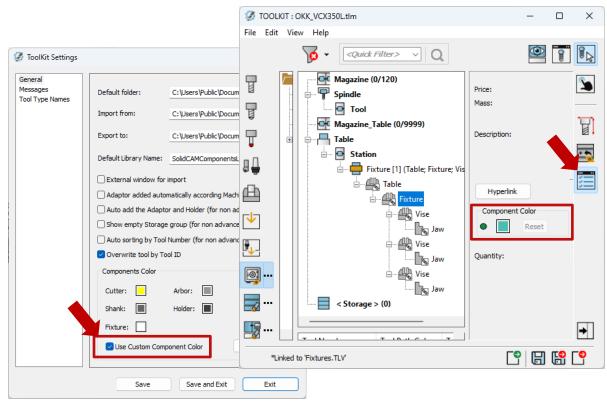


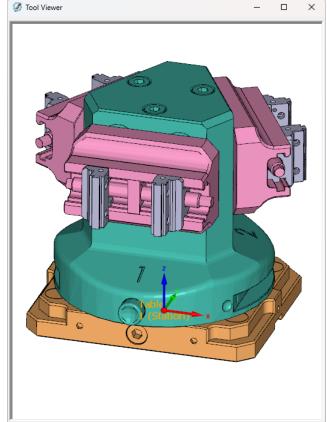


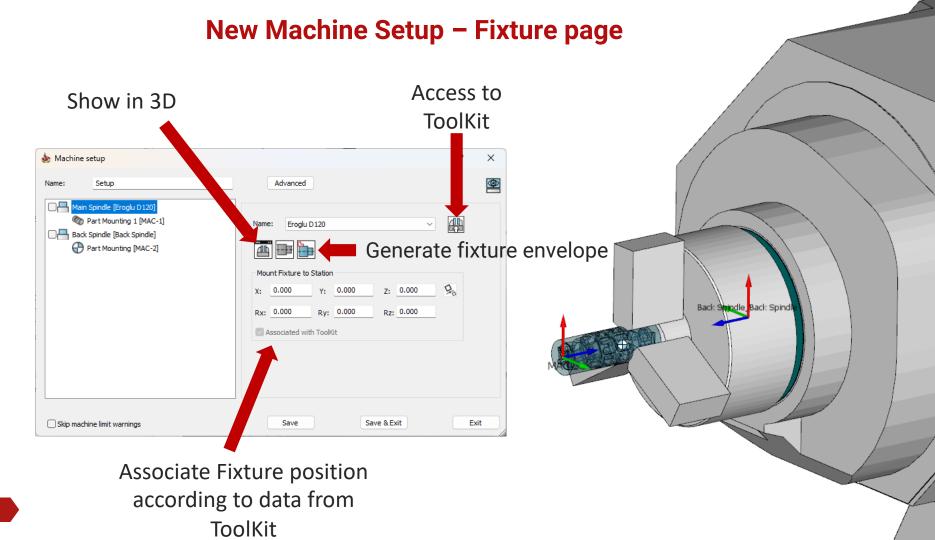


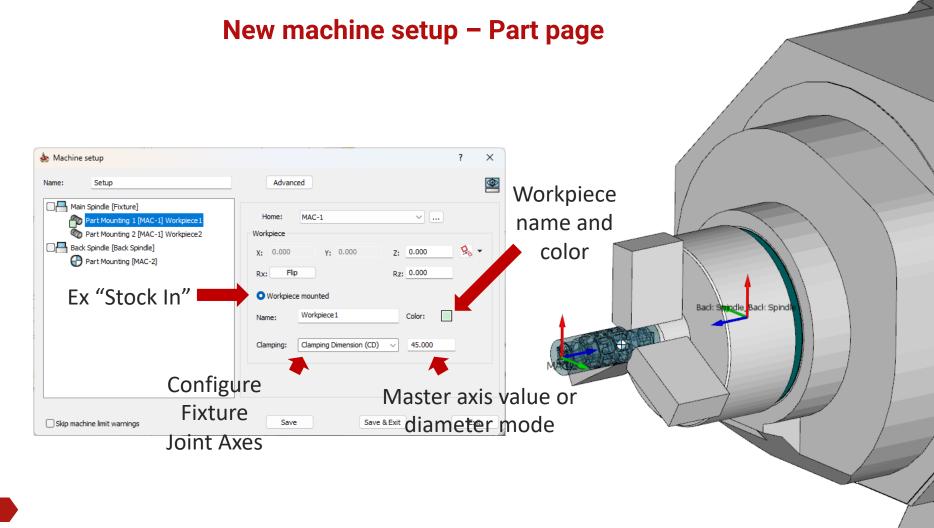
## **ToolKit – Supported custom component color**





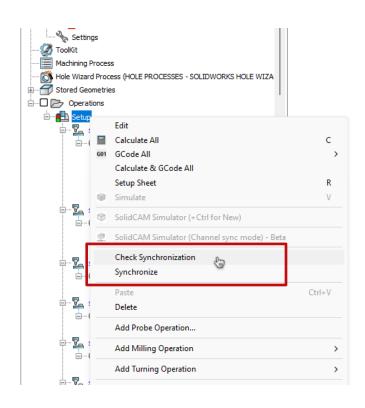


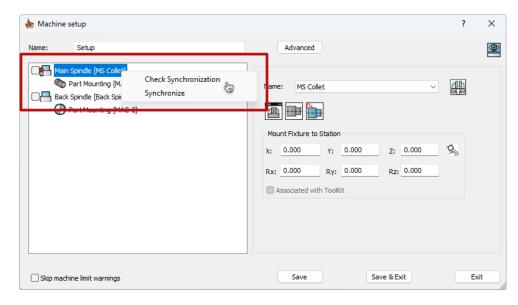




### **New machine setup – Fixture Associativity**





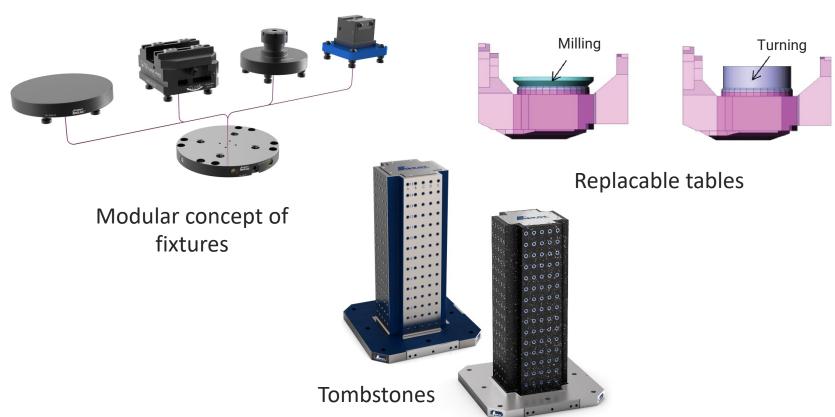


■ Associavity fixtures can be synchronized on CAM-Tree or Machine Setup level

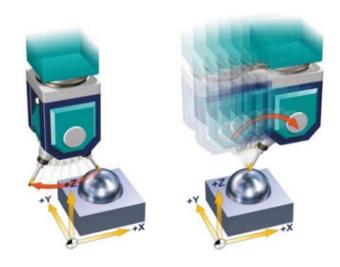
# **NEW Fixture capabilities and Setup supports....**



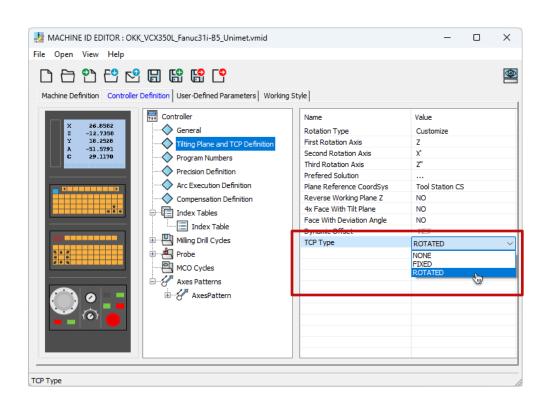
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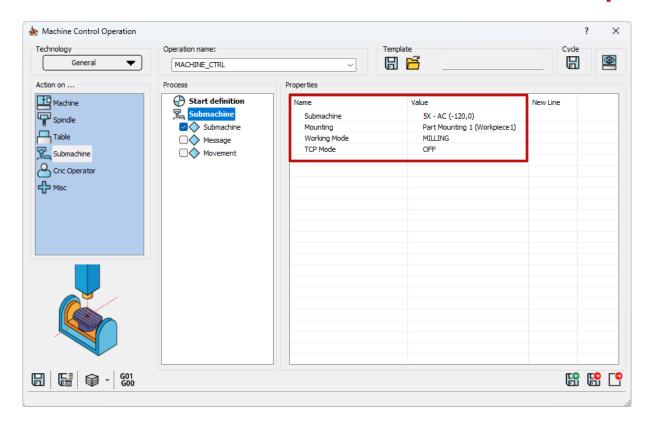




☐ The example when TCP is OFF (left) and when TCP is ON (right)

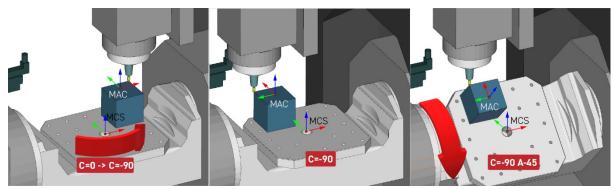




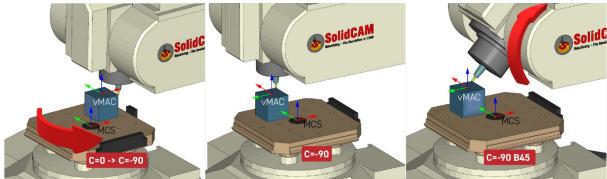








"Rotated" type TCP on Table-Table



"Rotated" type TCP on Head-Table





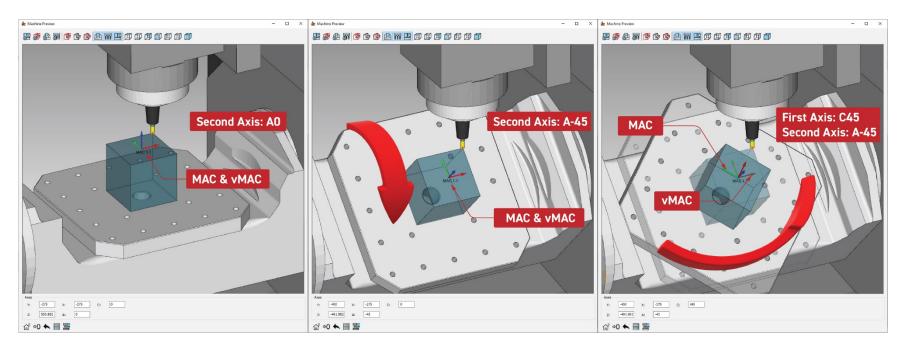
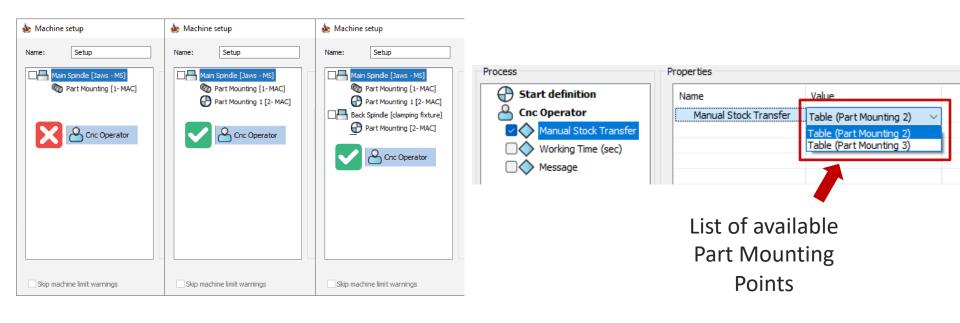


Table-centered part with the Fixed TCP on Table-Table



### **MCO: CNC Operator**



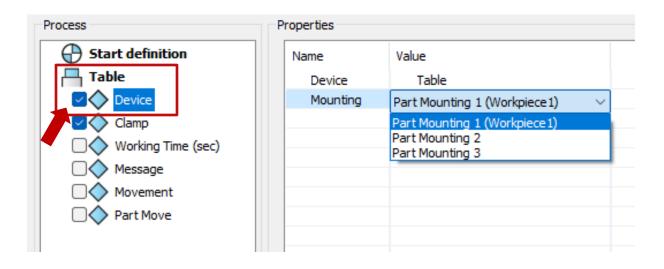


☐ CNC Operator is now available in the case of multiple Part Mounting Positions



#### **MCO: Table Workpiece Clamp and Movements**



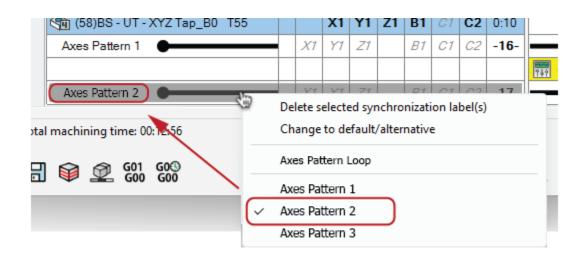


☐ Workpiece Clamping and Movements are done according to the selected Workpiece on Table Device





# Channel Synchronization: Complete Control over the first and last Axes Pattern

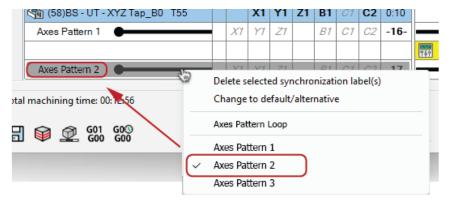


■ When **Axes Pattern Loop** is active (default), the **first** and **last** Axes Pattern are the same, however, the user can change to them.





# Operation Sequence Manager: Complete Control over the first and last Axes Pattern



When Axes Pattern Loop is active (default), the first and last Axes Pattern are the same, however, the user can change to any

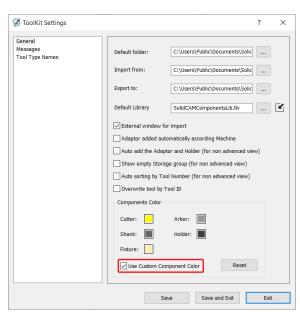


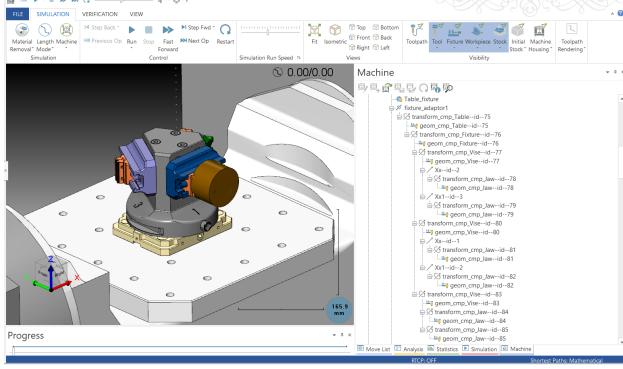
**Channel Synchronization -> Operation Sequence Manager** 





- ☐ All tools and fixtures defined in the ToolKit are fully supported in Machine Simulation
- Tools and fixtures will be colored with the same colors as defined in the ToolKit

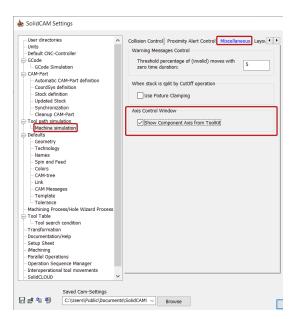


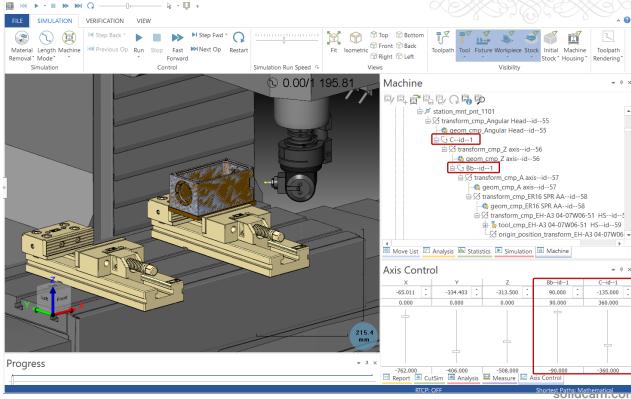






Component axes defined in the ToolKit are now supported in Machine Simulation and the client has the option to display the axes in the Axis Control window

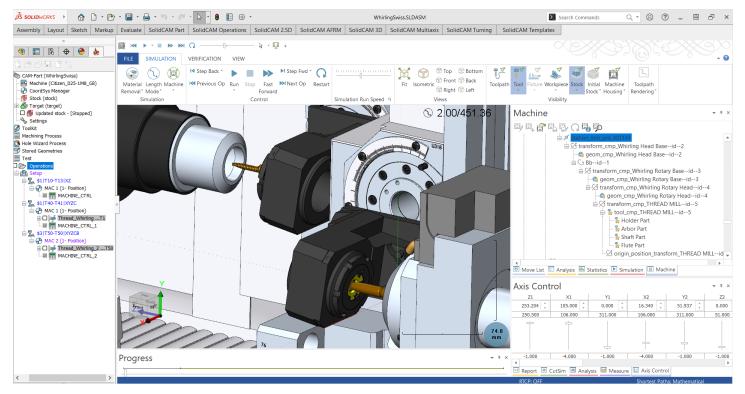








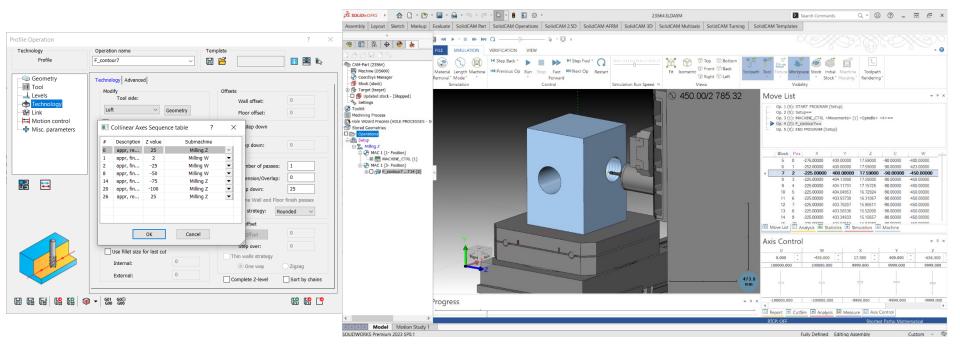
Using Machine Simulation, new Thread Whirling operation can be simulated







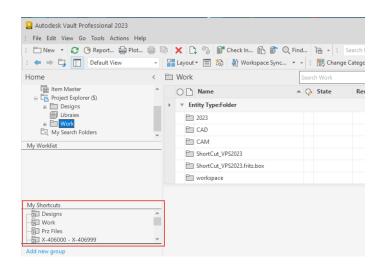
■ Movements defined with the Collinear Axes Sequence table are supported in Machine Simulation

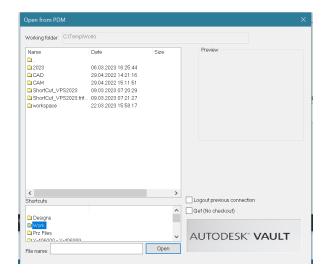


### **InventorCAM 2023 – Support Shortcuts of Vault Client**



- Shortcuts defined in the Vault Client
- Available at the InventorCAM Vault browser



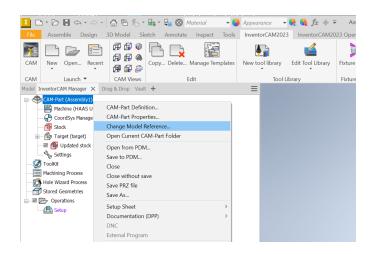


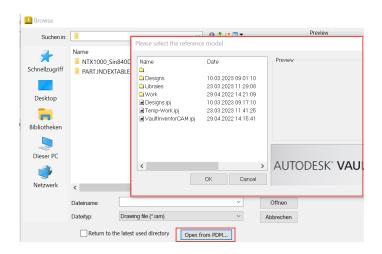




### InventorCAM 2023 - Change reference model directly from Vault Server

- When reference model must be changed and the new model is located at the Vault Server
- Opening from PDM enables the selection of a design File from Vault Server



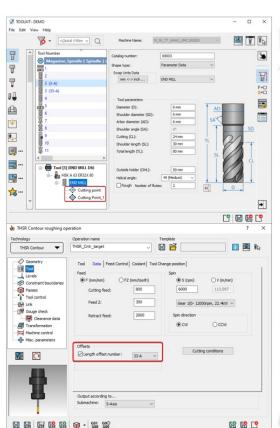




# **SolidCAM 2023 – Setup Sheet Tool Offset Section**



- Tool Offsets are now fully supported within Tools Section Data
- It can be also supported as a separate Section
- Tool Offsets are updated and fully supported also within Operations Section

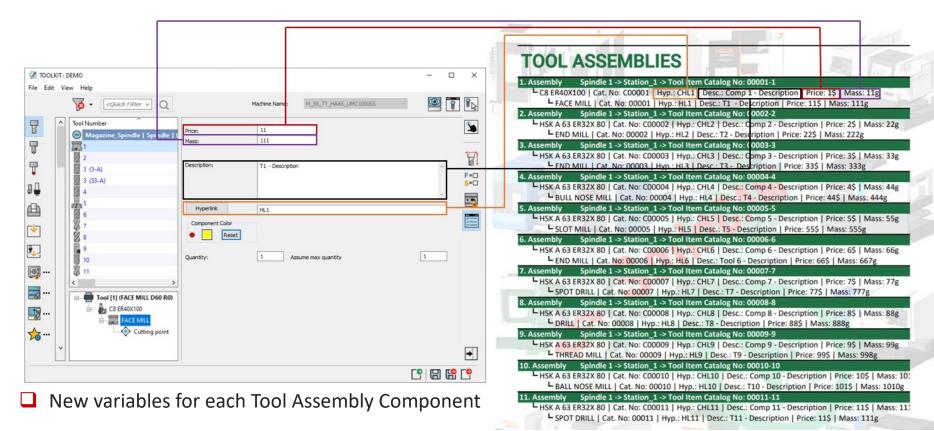






# **SolidCAM 2023 - New Setup Sheet Tool Component variables**



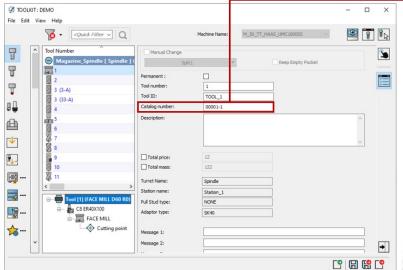




## **SolidCAM 2023 – Setup Sheet Tool Item Catalog Number**



□ Catalog Number for Tool Item (whole Tool Assembly) is now fully supported within Tools and Tool Assemblies Sections.

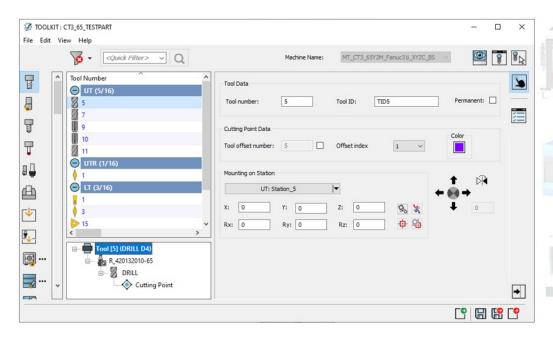




# SolidCAM 2023 - Setup Sheet Tools Section divided by Channels THE FUTURE OF CAN



Tools Section can now be divided and the output can be per Channel





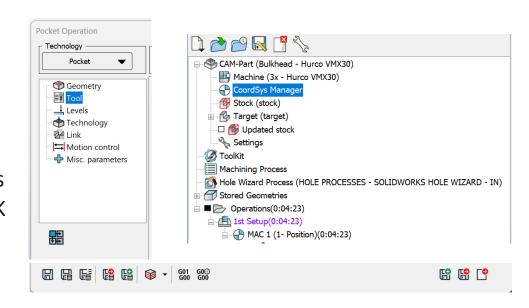


# **SolidCAM 2023 – User Interface (UI) Enhancements**





- UI-Facelift
  - Clean Fresh Icons
  - Brighter Colors
- UI-Clarity
  - ☐ Higher Resolution Icons
  - ☐ More compatible for 4K

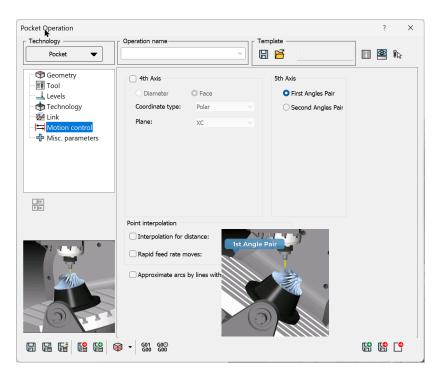




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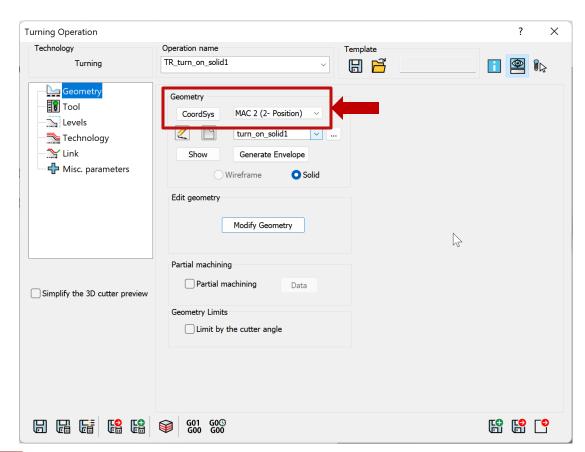
New Animated Help Graphics

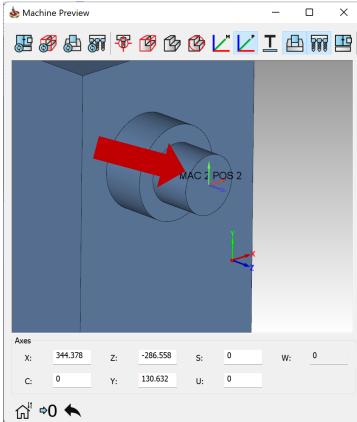




# **Support Turning in Multiple Positions**

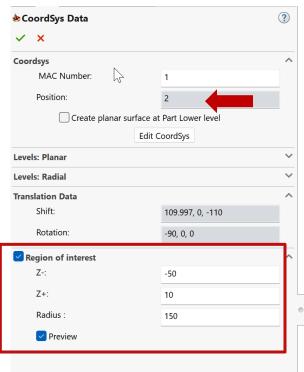


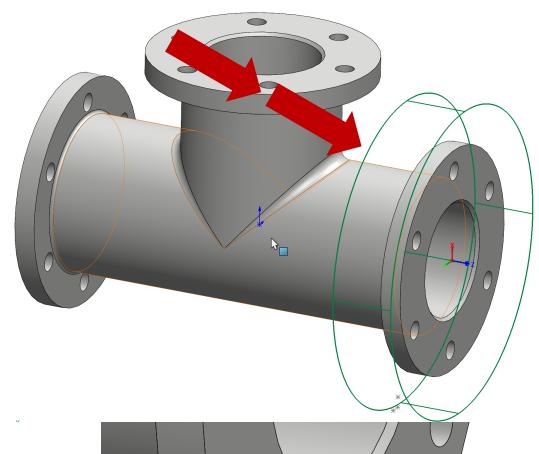




# **Support Partial Envelope – Region Of Interest**

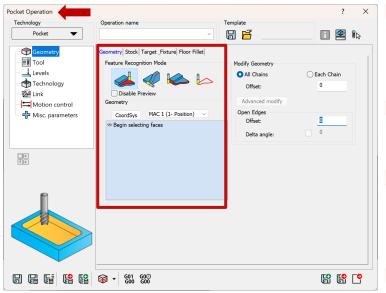






# Pocket Geometry Feature recognition as in iMachining

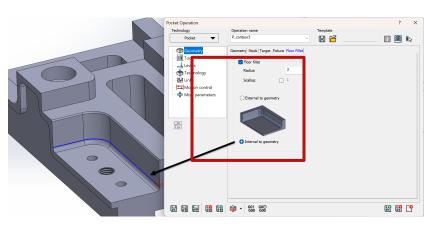


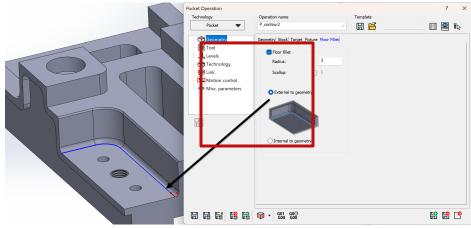


- Automatically recognizes stock boundaries compared to the target
- Levels are automatically recognized
- ☐ Fixtures, Target and Holders are completely recognized and protected
- Profile like geometries can be defined with all the protection benefits offered in Pocket

# **Pocket Operation – Floor Fillet Machining**



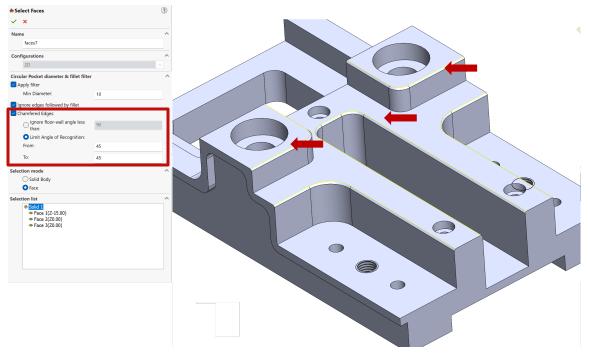




- ☐ Floor Fillets can now be roughed out in the Pocket operation.
- Geometry can be either internal or external to the fillet.

# **Edge Deburring Recognition – Limit Angle Range**

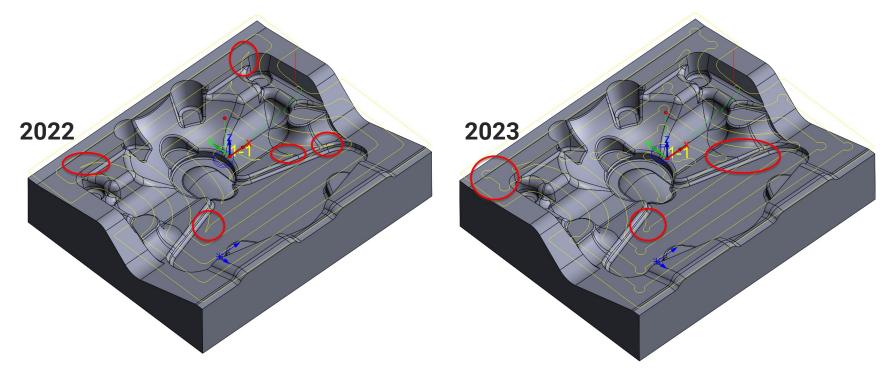




- ☐ You can now limit the angle recognition to a specific angle
- Gives you the capability to machine predefined chamfers in the part, while ignoring the sharp edges.

# **Turbo 3D HSR – Improved Corner Pegs**

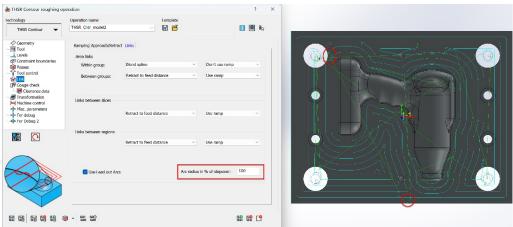




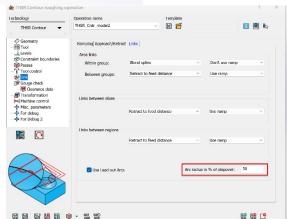
☐ The toolpath at the corners is now smoother, which eliminates the peak load on the tool during cutting.

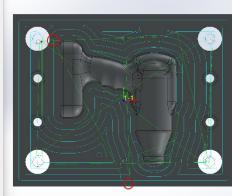
#### **Turbo 3D HSR - Lead Out Control**





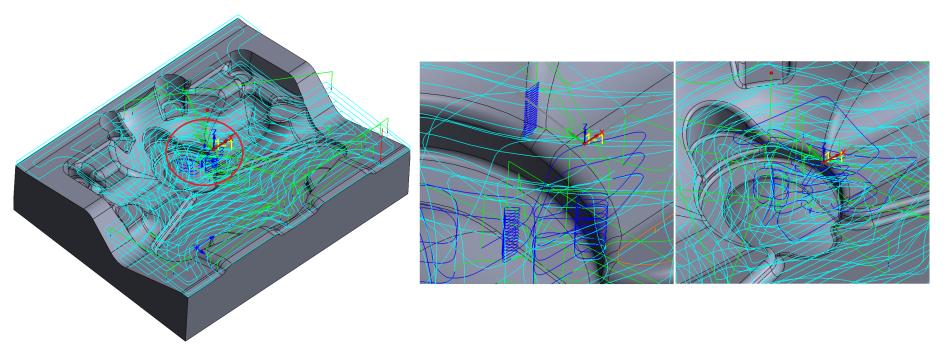
☐ Lead Out Parameter is now User Controlled.







#### **Turbo 3D HSR - Profile ramp/Min. Ramp diameter**

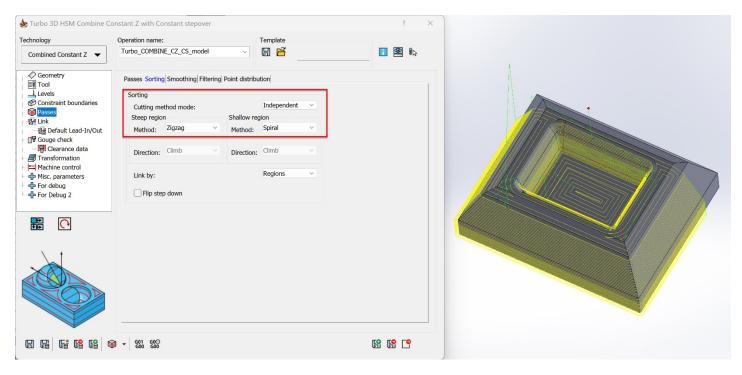


☐ The logic for Profile ramps creation has been improved - when creating small profile ramps, the template is shifted to the next pass of the tool, which avoids the creation of tiny ramps that are close to the plunge moves.

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# **Turbo HSM - Independent Cutting Method**

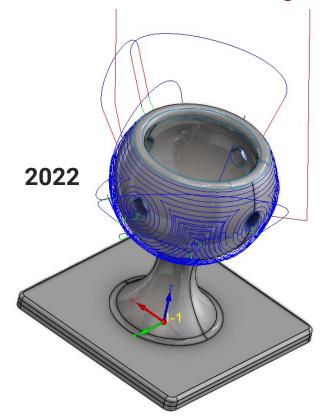


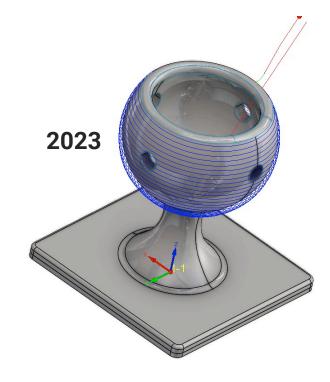


☐ The new option enables the user to apply independent cutting methods for the steep and shallow areas.

## Sim5X: Geodesic Machining – Fill Holes Behaviour



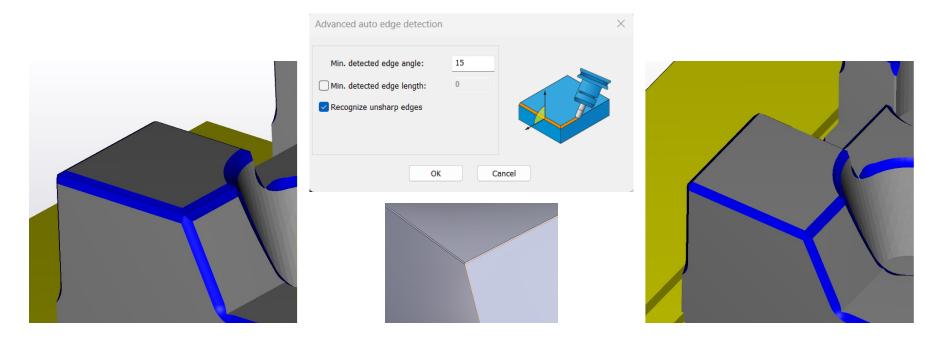




☐ Fill Holes has been enhanced in SolidCAM 2023 —the toolpath has less pattern distribution & more intuitive drive curve selection

## Sim5X: Edge Breaking – Recognise not sharp Edges

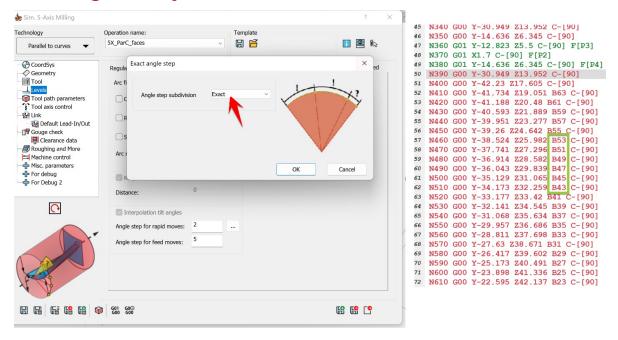




☐ This feature deburrs the edges that cannot be identified from the input mesh, using the "Min. detected edge angle" threshold.

#### SIM 5X: Exact Angle Step

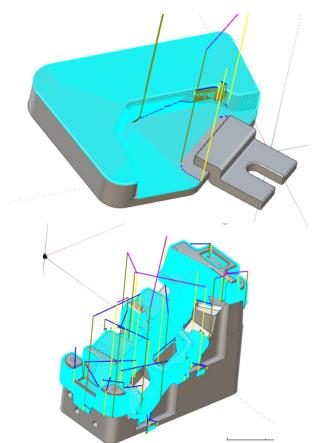




- ☐ A feature has been added as a new linking option, available for Sim. 5-axis Milling Geodesic Milling & MultiAxis Drilling.
- This new feature allows an exact angular subdivision of the linking move.

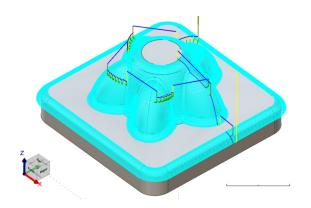


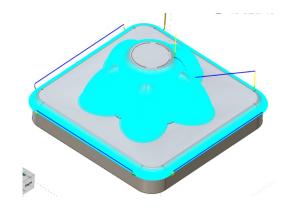
- ☐ Unified Engine for THSR & THSM
- ☐ One large development team
- ☐ Feature-rich engine
- ☐ Faster development & quicker deployment
- ☐ Faster implementation of feature requests

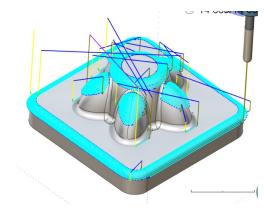












Rapid retract	
☑ Corner feed rate	

✓ Corner feed rate reduction

Min. feed rate

Up feed rate

Down feed rate

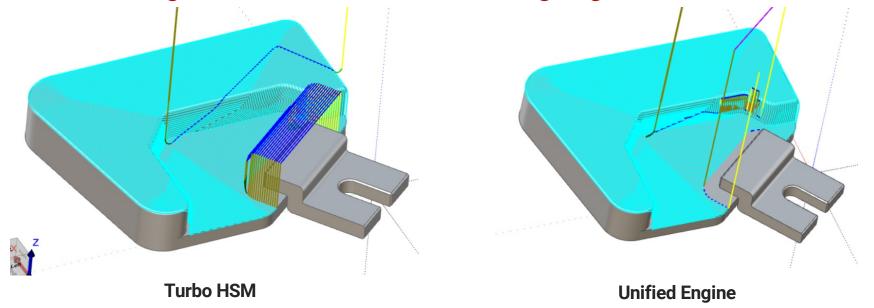
64.25	% feed rate
50	% feed rate
80	% feed rate

■ Feed Rate Reduction at Corners

	Block	Feed Rate	X	Z	Y
	4790	1284.000000	7.322	243.575	-24.414
	4791	1307.000000	7.322	243.790	-23.968
	4792	1317.000000	7.322	243.989	-23.521
	4793	1344.000000	7.322	244.157	-23.074
	4794	1354.000000	7.322	244.310	-22.627
<b>F</b>	4795	1376.000000	7.322	244.4	-22
	4796	1393.000000	7.322	244.546	-21.734
	4797	1408.000000	7.322	244.636	-21.287
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		1453.000000		244.737	



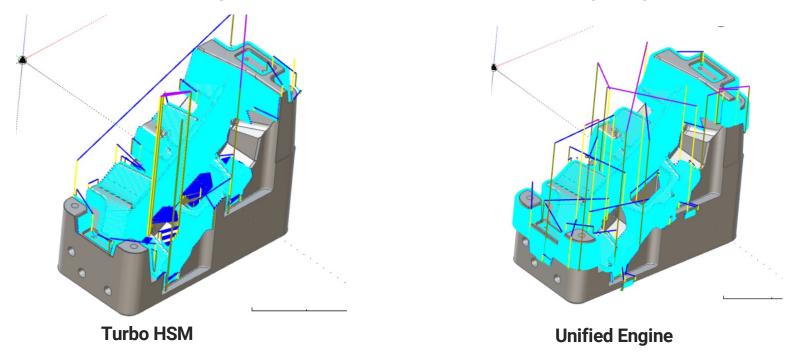




Optimised results with Unified engine when using Fixtures (less retracts)



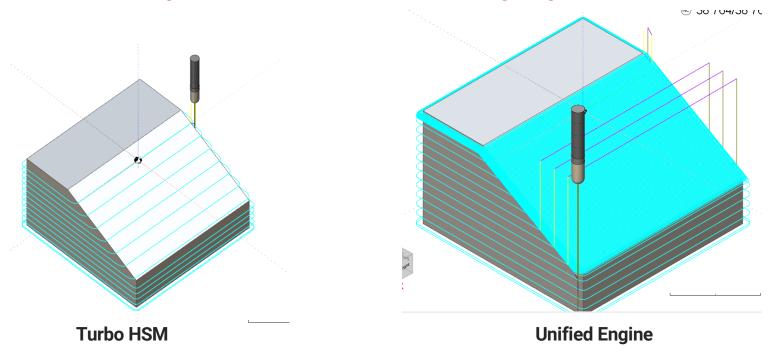




Powerful & Simplified Dynamic Holder Collision Avoidance in Unified Engine (less retracts)





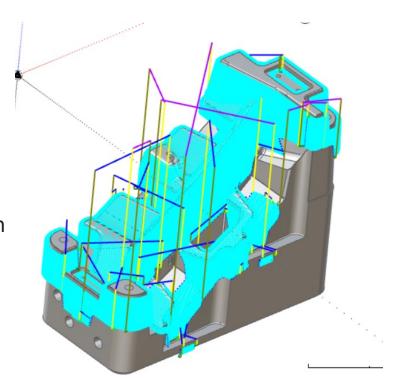


■ Adaptive step-down allows you to give a bigger depth of cut on straight walls & small depth of cut on inclined walls



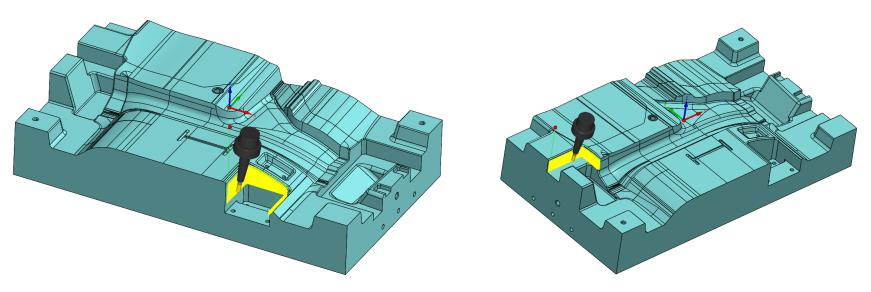


- Multi surface offset
- Prevent Edge Rolling
- ☐ Arc Fitting & Points Distribution
- Rest Finishing based on Tool or Stock
- Dynamic Holder Collision Avoidance System
- Feed Control Zones
- Much more functions....



#### Sim5X toolpath directly in Turbo HSM



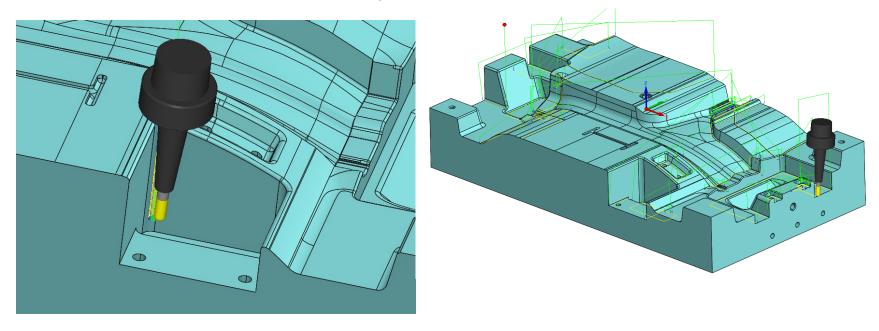


- ☐ Directly generate SIM 5X Constant Z, Linear, Constant Step Over, Rest Machining Toolpath on Solid model
- No need to Generate 3 Axis Toolpath and then Convert to SIM 5X



#### Sim5X toolpath directly in Turbo HSM



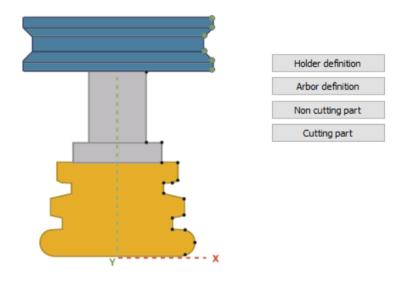


- Clean & Rapid toolpath Calculation.
- Compete with the best in the Industry with confidence.



#### **New Generic Revolved Tool**



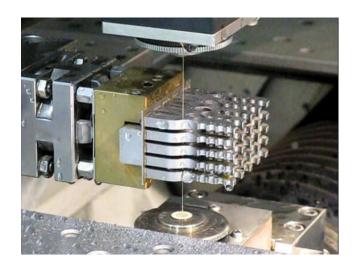


- □ SolidCAM will start supporting the Generic Revolved tool for THSR, THSM, Constant Z Undercut, HSS & SIM5X Operations.
- ☐ The user will be able to define a shape & the contact point for Calculation.

#### SolidCAM 2023 - Wire EDM



- ☐ We are relaunching our Wire EDM module, that was available in older versions of SolidCAM.
- We will be enhancing this module powerfully in next SPs and Versions.



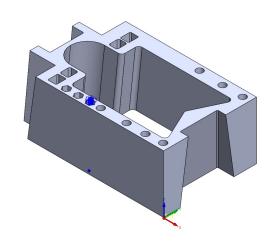


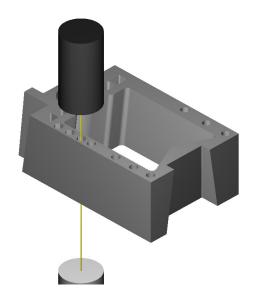


#### SolidCAM 2023 - Wire EDM



- □ SolidCAM Wire EDM offers today the following features:
  - 2D profile definition of contours based on CAD sketches
  - 2D profile standard 2-axis wirecut
  - Constant Angle
  - Variable Angle
  - 4-axis contour definition
  - Destruction cut
  - Bridges
  - Customized machine Macros
  - Standard 2D & 3D simulation



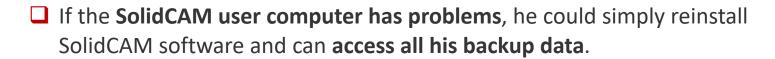




#### New module: SolidFile



- SolidFile will provide Backup of all SolidCAM data:
- SolidCAM settings
- Post Processors
- Machine simulations
- Material and Machine Tool databases (for iMachining)
- Global tool tables
- SolidCAM CAM Parts



- ☐ If the SolidCAM user wants to **work from another computer**, he can access all his backup data.
- Solidfile is based on Google Drive.

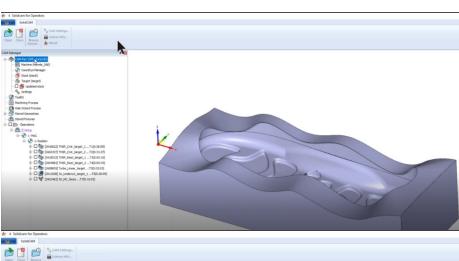


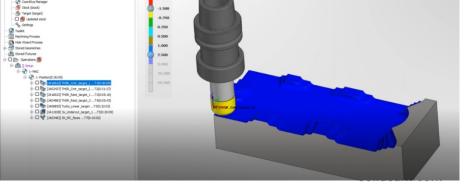
#### **SolidCAM for Operators**

SolidCAM
THE FUTURE OF CAM

- ☐ Upgrade of the **Shop Floor Editor/Simulator**
- Essential tool for the CNC machine Operator
- Bridges the work of CAM Programmers and CNC machine Operators, and thus assists greatly to streamline the Machine Shop process.

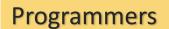






# **CNC Machine Shop/ Department Hierarchy**







## **Operators**

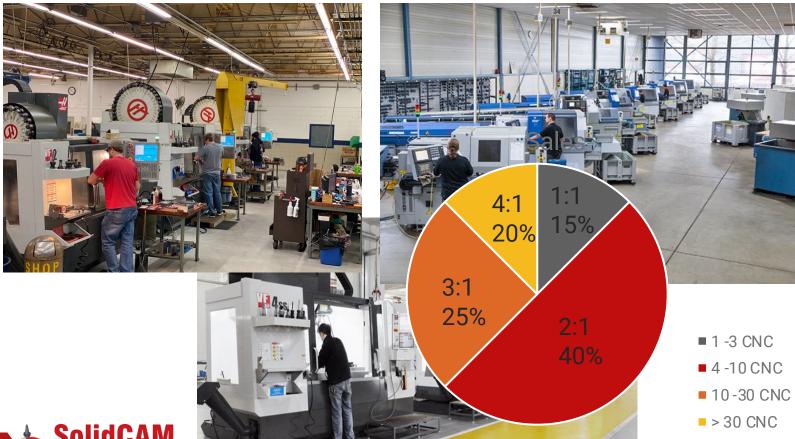






# **CNC Operators:CAM Programmers – Typical Ratio**





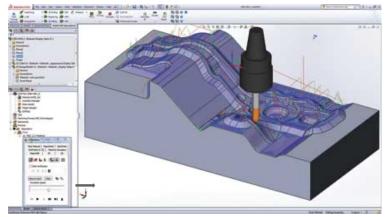
### **SolidCAM for Operators: The Goal**



- ☐ To bridge the work of CAM Programmers & CNC machine Operators
- Assists greatly to streamline the Machine Shop process.

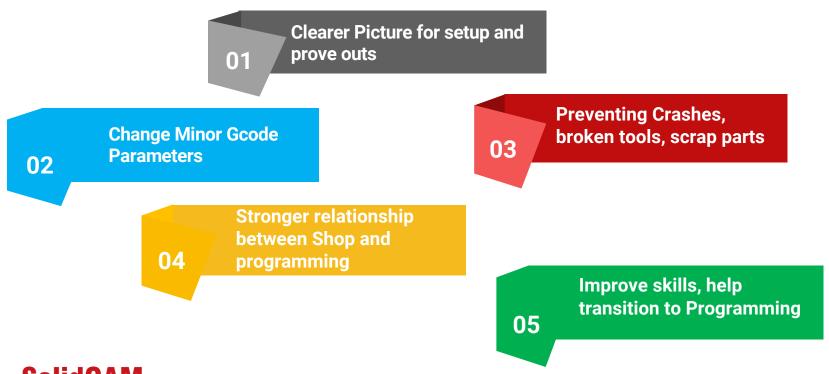






#### Why CNC Operator needs SolidCAM For Operators?







# **SolidCAM for Operators: 3 Different Licensing Modes**







#### **SolidCAM for Operators Mode 1: Editor**





**Modify and edit operations** 



**Change tool kit** 



**Change Part Setup** 



**Full Simulation** 

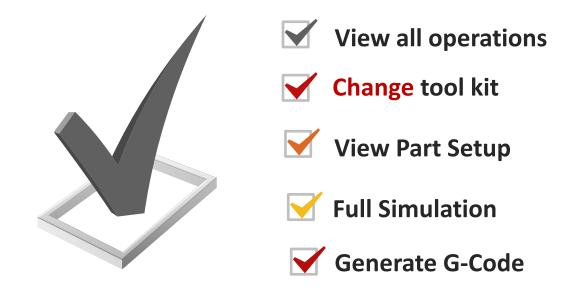


**Generate G-Code** 





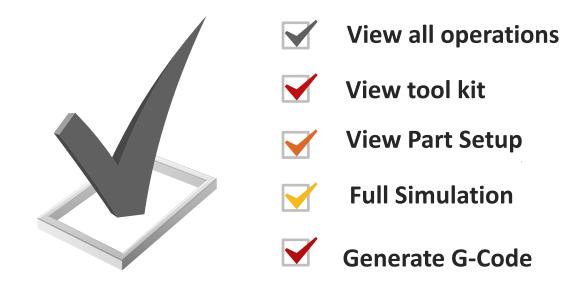
#### **SolidCAM for Operators Mode 2: Editor LT**







### **SolidCAM for Operators Mode 3: Simulator**







# **SolidCAM for Operators: right by the CNC machine!**

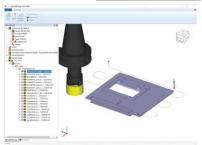




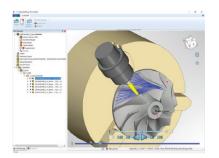
#### **SolidCAM for Operators: Benefits summary**

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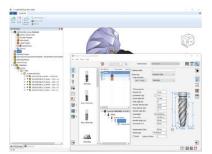




**Working Efficiently**: Operators can make minor adjustments, without need to rely on the CAM Programmer



**Full Setup Picture**: Operator can see all details of each operation including Tools, Setup Definition, Stock Clamping, Home Positions, and full simulation of the process.



**Eliminate 'Dry-Runs'**: SolidCAM for Operators enables the user to step-through each move in program, reducing setup time & eliminating the need to dry-run programs on the CNC.



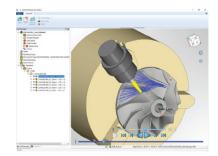
# In summary..

**SolidCAM for Operators** is a great tool for all Operators at CNC Machine Shops using SolidCAM.

SolidCAM for Operators bridges the work of CAM Programmers and CNC machine Operators, assisting greatly to streamline the Machine Shop process.



SolidCAM







"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

- Peter Drucker



