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APPLICATIONS

STANDARD FEATURES

The Weldon Altaira CNC cylindrical grinder is designed for processing large work parts up to 1 meter (40") in length. Rotary and linear axes are sealed from airborne contaminates providing unmatched longevity in carbide and ceramic grinding applications.

Available with either a straight or angular wheelhead (factory set) the Altaira can grind outside diameters, shoulders, and faces in a single set-up. The CNC control can address complex form grinding (tapers, radii, ect.) via form dressed wheels or profiling. Properly equipped, a Altaira is ideally suited for high speed "Peel" grinding with CBN abrasives. Additionally, a programmable "C" axis package can be provided to accommodate non-round grinding applications.

- FANUC model 32i-BT CNC control with color LCD, and servo drives featuring
 FANUC AC digital technology. Includes a battery backup absolute feedback system eliminating the need to reference at each start-up
- Shear Damper machine base providing stiffness, vibration control, and thermal stability through the use of steel shear tubes covered with a viscous material and encapsulated with a special replicating resin.
- **Cross-roller linear way system** with recirculating bearings and precision ground rails. Includes integral way bearing seals and an external wiper system.
- Compound linear slide design to keep floor space requirements to a minimum
- Z-Axis linear motor. X-axis precision ballscrew assembly or linear motor, determined by application.
- **Heavy-duty live spindle workhead** with 6" A2 spindle nose and #5 MT center. Features a 4.7" spindle diameter and a quad set of angular contact bearings
- Automatic lubrication system, monitored by the control, with lube fault protection.
- Heavy-duty tailstock, hydraulically operated, with #5 MT center. Includes manual taper adjustments with eccentric quill design.
- Variable speed wheel drive, CNC controlled with dynamic braking. Normally
 arranged for constant surface speed as the grinding wheel wears.
- Stainless steel telescoping way covers.
- Full enclosure with manually operated dual sliding front door assembly, sliding side wheel access door assembly, and side and rear maintenance access panels.

OPTIONAL FEATURES

- 24" swing capacity for faceplates and to accommodate larger workparts.
- In-process gage for automatic size control.
- Automatic lateral locator, wheelhead mounted, featuring a Renishaw probe.
- · Acoustic emissions sensor for gap elimination, crash detection, and touch dressing
- Programmable gear drive workhead with rotary scale, 475 RPM max. For non-round applications.
- **Electric rotary dressing systems** for superabrasive wheels or extended diamond life when processing with standard abrasives.
- **Workholding solutions** can be addressed with a variety of systems such as manual and powered jaw chucks, collet chucks, magnetic faceplates, vacuum chucks, expanding arbors, pitch-line chucks, and custom fixtures.
- Coolant supply and filtration systems are available to suit any application; magnetic, fabric, cyclonic, pressure, and combination filtration units can be provided.
- **CBN abrasive packages** available for multi-plunge and peel grind processing. Packages include acoustic sensor, high pressure coolant and electric rotary dressing.
- Automation via FANUC 6 Axis robots, can be factory integrated on a turnkey basis.





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- **1. Heavy-duty live spindle workhead** available with rotary glass scale feedback for non-round applications.
- **2. Compound slide design** features Fanuc Z-axis linear motor with precision glass scale feedback.
- 3. Shear Damper machine base.
- **4. 5" stroke hydraulic tailstock** with live spindle option for friction drive and heavy work part set-ups.
- 5. An optional robotic arm can be used in tandum with the Altaira.
- **6. CBN abrasive packages** available for multi-plunge and peel grind processing. Packages include acoustic sensor, high pressure coolant and electric rotary dressing.









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ALTAIRA SPECIFICATIONS

CAPACITY Maximum work swing
WORKHEAD Bearings
WHEELHEAD Motor
GRINDING WHEEL Maximum OD Wheel diameter
TAILSTOCK Center Taper
TABLE DRIVES FANUC AC digital servo drives
ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS Complete electrical equipment wired in accordance with IEC electrical standards for metal working machine tools Standard voltage 480 VAC, 3-phase, 60 Hertz

Note: Any other voltage must be referred to factory for price and delivery.

LUBRICATION

Wheel spindle	Permanent grease-packed		
Workhead spindle	Permanent grease-packed		
Ballscrews	Automatic lube oil		
Ways	Automatic lube oil		
Safety detect interlock to prevent cycling if low air			
pressure or low oil level is ser	nsed		
Automatic programmed cycle	to lubricate machine when		
started up			

PNUEMATICS (air moisture: 70° F. dew point maximum)

Air pressure	80 psi
Air volume	scfm

Note: System requires a filtered and dry air source.

COOLANT SYSTEM

Machine is set up to pump coolant out to an optional coolant filter or tank system from a sump tank. All necessary piping and solenoids for coolant control from the machine control are provided.

MACHINE DIMENSIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

Width 14	14"
Depth	30"
Height	94"
Centerline workpiece, height from floor	12"
Weight	bs.
Construction Welded steel sheer Dampe	r TM
Foundation 6" concrete floor is recommend	led
Multi-point anti-vibration suspension system requiring	no g
floor attachment.	

CNC CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS - FANUC 32i-BT

- Manual pulse generator
- Full linear and circular contouring and positioning capabilities
- FANUC AC digital servo system
- · Direct rpm programming or constant surface speed
- Built-in diagnostics
- 10.4" high-resolution color LCD
- Macro Subroutines
- Automatic recognition of EIA or ISO coding
- Absolute / incremental programming software over travel checking
- RS-232 / Ethernet / USB / Memory Card interface