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## PRECISION SHAFT ALIGNMENT

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Precision-aligned machines run more smoothly and suffer fewer failures - plus they consume less energy. Precision alignment must be part of your reliability improvement strategy. Precision Shaft Alignment makes it easier to gain knowledge, confidence, and competence.

## **TOPICS**

- An overview of precision alignment
- A detailed introduction to alignment including the reliability benefits
- The basics of dial-indicator calculations
- Rim-and-face and reverse-dial dial-indicator alignment overview
- Pre-alignment checks
- Soft foot detection and correction
- The rim-and-face method in detail
- The reverse-dial method in detail
- Laser alignment methods in detail
- Moving the machine (and how to deal with the bolt bound and base bound situations)
- · Dealing with dynamic and thermal growth
- Machine train alignment

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# **OBJECTIVES**

## **Introduction to Alignment**

- · Understand misalignment
- Understand why it is important to align your machines
- Understand how to align your machines

#### **Alignment Mathematics**

- Explain the terms "angularity", "offset" and "slope"
- · Discuss often-used mathematical rules

### **Dial Indicator Alignment**

- How dial indicators work
- The limitations of dial indicators

## **Pre-alignment Checks**

 Demonstrate the benefits of prealignment checks

#### **Soft Foot Detection and Correction**

· Understand soft foot and its importance

#### **Rim-face Method**

 Understand the procedure for taking alignment measurements using the rim and face alignment method

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#### **Reverse Dial Method**

- Understand the bracket and dial setup
- · Understand the test procedure
- Understand the calculations and graphical method required to determine the final foot moves required

### **Laser Alignment**

- Understand how laser alignment systems work
- Understand how to use laser alignment systems

#### **Moving the Machine**

 Understand the guidelines to follow to ensure the machine is moved and aligned correctly and in the shortest possible time

## **Dynamic and Thermal Growth**

- Understand the changes that occur when a machine is running
- Understand the tests that can be performed to indicate how the machine will perform when running
- Understand how to align the machine to compensate for these changes

## **Machine Train Alignment**

 Understand how to align machines with three or four components