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TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

Specific Problem	Cause	Solution
Dimensional Accuracy		
Oversize Pitch Diameter	**Tap**	1. Use proper limits of taps 2. Use longer chamfered taps
	Chip Packing	1. Use spiral point or spiral fluted taps 2. Reduce number of flutes to provied extra chip room 3. Use larger hole size 4. If tapping a hole, allow deeper hole where applicable or shorten the thread length of the parts 5. Use proper lubricant
	Galling	1. Apply proper surface treatment such as Hardslick or chrome 2. Use proper cutting lubricant 3. Reduce tapping speed 4. Use proper cutting angle in accordance with material being tapped 5. Use large hole size
	Operating Conditions	1. Apply proper tapping speed 2. Correct alignment of tap and drill hole 3. Free cutting either tap or workpiece 4. Use proper tapping speed to avoid torn or rough threads 5. Use lead screw tapper 6. Use proper tapping machine with suitable power 7. Avoid misalignment of the tap and drill hole from loose spindle or worn holder
	Tool Condition	1. Obtain proper indexing angle for the flutes at the cutting edge 2. Grind proper cutting angle and chamfer angle 3. Avoid too narrow a land width 4. Remove burrs from regrinding
Oversize Internal Diameter	**Hole Size**	1. Use minimum hole size 2. Avoid tapered hole 3. Use proper chamfered taps
	Galling	1. Galling solutions 1 through 4 above can be applied to this specific problem
Undersize Pitch Diameter	**Incorrect Tap**	1. Use oversize taps 2. Apply proper chamfer angle 3. Increase cutting angle
	Damaged Thread	1. Use proper reversing speed to avoid damaging tapped thread on the way out of the hole
	Left-over Chips	1. Increase cutting performance to avoid any left over chips in the hole 2. Remove left over chips from the hole for gage checking
Undersize Internal Diameter	**Hole Size**	1. Use maximum drill size

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Tool Life		
Breakage	**Incorrect Tap Selection**	1. Avoid chip packing in the flutes or the bottom of the hole. Use spiral pointed or spiral fluted taps or fluteless taps. 2. Apply correct surface treatment such as Hardslick or bright
	Excessive Tapping Torque	1. Use larger drill size 2. Try to shorten thread length 3. Increase cutting angle 4. Apply a tap with more thread relief and reduced land width 5. Apply correct surface treatment such as Hardslick
	Operating Conditions	1. Reduce tapping speed 2. Avoid misalignment between tap and the hole and tapered hole 3. Use floating type of tapping holder 4. Use tapping holder with torque adjustment 5. Avoid hitting bottom of the hole with tap
	Tool Condition	1. Do not grind the bottom of the flute 2. Avoid too narrow a land width 3. Remove all worn sections when regrindig the flutes 4. Regrind tool more frequently
Chipping	**Incorrect Tap Selection**	1. Reduce cutting angle 2. Use a different kind of high-speed steel tap 3. Reduce hardness of the tap 4. Increase chamfer length 5. Avoid chip packing in the flutes or in the bottom of the hole by using spiral fluted or spiral pointed taps
	Wear	1. Reduce tapping speed 2. Avoid misalignment between tap and hole 3. Avoid sudden return of reverse in blind hole tapping 4. Avoid galling 5. Use larger hole size
Wearx	**Incorrect Tap Selection**	1. Apply specially designed tap for tapping heat treated materal 2. Change to a type of high-speed steel tap that contains vanadium 3. Apply special surface treatment such as TiCN or Hardslick 4. Increase chamfer length
	Operating Conditions	1. Reduce tapping speed 2. Apply proper cutting lubricants 3. Avoid work hardened hole 4. Use larger hole size
	Tool Condition	1. Grind proper cutting angle 2. Avoid hardness reduction from grinding process
Torn or Rough Thread	**Chamfer Too Short**	1. Increase chamfer length
	Wrong Cutting Angle	1. Apply proper cutting angle

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Surface Finish		
Torn or Rough Thread	**Galling**	1. Use thread relieved taps 2. Reduce land width 3. Apply surface treatment such as Hardslick or chrome 4. Use proper cutting lubricant 5. Reduce tapping speed 6. Use larger hole size 7. Obtain proper alignment between tap and work
	Chip Packing	1. Use spiral pointed or spiral fluted taps 2. Use larger drill size
Chattering on Tapped Thread	**Tool Free Cutting**	1. Reduce cutting angle 2. Reduce amount of thread relief
	Tool Condition	1. Do not grind the bottom of the flute 2. Avoid too narrow a land width

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