

Dimac Tooling leads the way in machine tool accessories

Austech 2012 saw the rotary spin window, medium-pressure coolant from Coojet and the EzSet Toolpresetter

Austech 2012 has been hailed as a huge success by everyone involved in the show, including CNC machine tool accessories specialist Dimac Tooling. Held in Sydney from 8 to 11 May, well over 500 visitors came onto the stand to discuss a range of manufacturing, tooling and production opportunities with Dimac's sales team. In addition to its wide range of fixtures, vices, chucks and accessories on the stand, including the Kitagawa TJ series trunnion rotary table, which puts 5-axis capabilities well within the reach of the average job shop, the new Cooljet Medium-Pressure Unit proved an extremely popular focus of attention.

"For many years we've been selling the high-pressure coolant systems, which boost coolant pressure to 70bar (1000psi), and now we have added the medium-pressure system, which features a fixed coolant flow of 30l/min (8gpm) at 20bar (300psi)," Dimac's Martin Barber explained.

"High-pressure coolant is a popular accessory for CNC machine tools, however, many of the earlier machine tools can't accept high-pressure coolant. The stand-alone medium-pressure unit from Cooljet can be retrofitted to most machines without modifications with many of the benefits of high-pressure coolant."

Visitors to Dimac's stand were also able to experience how clear visibility of the machining process can increase their productivity, especially during intensive coolant use. Since modern machines prevent the door being opened during operation for safety reasons, a so-called "windscreen wiper", or "spin window", which cleans the window by centrifugal forces, can be the solution for a clear view. The spin window is designed to provide visibility into machines with coolant system pressures of up to 80bar, such as those found on through-tool coolant delivery systems. It comes standard with carbon-coated glass for resistance to chip activity and low maintenance cost.

A significant number of firm sales leads were taken from Australian manufacturers. Dimac' Director, Paul Fowler, explained: "Austech provided an excellent platform for us to talk to all existing and potential customers, which justifies the tremendous effort the whole team put organising the exhibition. Also, we're confident that we can carry this momentum over into the next financial year."

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