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#5	Morph with Between Two Surfaces option. Parallel (To Surface) toolpath. Parallel (To Curves) toolpath. Transform Rotate toolpaths to machine the entire impeller.
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Getting Started





OBJECTIVES

- Starting Mastercam
- The student will learn about the Graphical User Interface.
- The student will learn how to navigate through Mastercam.

STEP 1: STARTING MASTERCAM

1.1 For Windows 7

- Select the Start button.
- Select All Programs and click on Mastercam 2022.

1.2 For Windows 8

- Select the Start button.
- Click on the drop down arrow to open Apps.
- Find and click on Mastercam 2022.

1.3 For Windows 10

- Select the Start button.
- Click on the drop down arrow to open Apps.
- Find and click on Mastercam 2022.



• To start the software, from Desktop, click on the shortcut icon as shown.

STEP 2: GUI - GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE



Quick Access Toolbar	QAT contains a fully customizable set of functions that can be quickly
Backstage (FILE)	Allows you to manage files. You can insert information about files, start a new file, open an existing one or merge files together. You can also save, convert or print files as well as access the help resources.
Tabs	Contain all the functionality within Mastercam.
Ribbon	Displays the commands available for a selected Tab.
Selection Bar	Allows you to set the AutoCursor modes and to switch between wireframe or solid selections.
Quick Mask Buttons	Lets you select all entities of a specific type. Clicking on the left side of the button or right side of the button toggles between select all or only.
Right Click Menu	Right click menu allows quick access to functions such as zoom, graphic views or recent functions used. A mini toolbar will also appear that allows you to quickly change the attributes.
Toolpaths/Solids/Planes Manager	Lists the history of the toolpath operations and solids.
Graphics Window	Workspace area in Mastercam where the geometry is displayed.
Scale	Shows you a scale of the object on the screen.
WCS: TOP T/Cplane:	Displays the current WCS and T/Cplane information.

STEP 3: NAVIGATE THROUGH MASTERCAM

In this step, you will learn how to use the menu functions in Mastercam to create geometry.

- 3.1 Using the Wireframe tab to select the command to create Line Endpoints
 - Left click on Wireframe.
 - Left click on the Line Endpoints icon as shown.



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 Once you select Line Endpoints, the Line Endpoints panel appears on the screen as shown.

Sketching A Line

• To sketch a line, left click on two locations on the screen.

Creating A Line Knowing The Endpoint Coordinates

 To make a line knowing the two endpoint coordinates, select the AutoCursor Fast Point icon from the General Selection toolbar.



- In the coordinates field that opens in the upper left corner enter the coordinates of the first endpoint as shown.
- Press Enter to continue.
- Select the AutoCursor Fast Point icon again and enter in the coordinates of the second endpoint and then press Enter.





Creating A Line Knowing An Endpoint, The Length, And The Angle

- You can also enter the coordinates of the first endpoint, then enter the **Length** and **Angle** if necessary.
- To continue making lines, choose the OK and Create New Operation button from the dialog box or press Enter.
- To exit the current command, select the OK button or press the Esc button.

Note: To undo the last command, from the **QAT** (Quick Access Toolbar) select the **Undo** button.

saved file. Mastercam also has a Redo button for your convenience.

Function Prompt

Prompts the user to execute a command.

Example: this prompt is used in the Line Endpoints command. Specify the first endpoint

Note: To find a command, from the **Home** ribbon, select the **Command Finder** icon and type the function name in the field that opens up.

For example, to find the **Polygon** command type "polygon" in the text field. From the list, select the desired command.

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STEP 4: SET THE ATTRIBUTES

Mastercam attributes are point style, line style, line thickness, color and levels. Before starting to create geometry, you should set the attributes.

4.1 Attributes Group

Point Style	Displays and sets the system's point style.		
Line Style	Displays and sets the system's line style.		
Line Width	Displays and sets the current system's line width.		
Color	Assigns the current color to wireframe, solid and surface entities. To change the current color, click in the specific color field and select a color from the color pallet. To change an existing geometry color, select the geometry first and then click in the color field and select a color from the color pallet.		
Clear Color	When performing a transform function (Xform), Mastercam creates a temporary group from the originals (red) and a result (purple) from the transformed entities. These system groups appear in the Groups dialog box. However, they stay in effect only until you use the Clear Colors function or perform another transform function.		
2D / 3D Construction Mode	Toggles between 2D and 3D construction modes. In 2D mode, all geometry is created parallel to the current Cplane at the current system Z depth. In 3D mode, you can work freely in various Z depths, unconstrained by the current system Z depth and Cplane setting.		

4.2 Organize Group

Z Depth	Sets the current construction depth. To set this, click the drop down arrow and pick one from the most recently used list or click the Z: label and pick a point in the graphics window to use the Z depth values based on the selected entity.		
Level	Sets the main level you want to work with in the graphics window. To change the current working level. Type the level number in the box.		

Change The Wireframe Color

 Click on the drop down arrow next to the Wireframe Color field as shown.

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Select the desired color from the dialog box as shown.

Note: Any geometry on your screen will remain in the previous system color. This change will only affect the geometry you create going forward.

To change the color of existing geometry, select the entities first and then click on the drop down arrow next to the Wireframe Color and select the desired color. The same method can be applied for any other attribute that you want to set or change.



STEP 5: MANAGER PANELS

5.1 The Toolpaths Manager

The **Toolpaths Manager** displays all the operations for the current part. You can sort, edit, regenerate, verify and post any operation. For more information on the **Toolpaths Manager**, please click on the **Help** icon.



The Toolpaths Manager, Solids Manager, or Planes Manager can be hidden to gain more space in the graphics area for creating geometry. Use Auto Hide icon to close all Toolpaths, Solids, Planes and Levels Manager panels.

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The panels will be hidden to the left of the graphics window as shown or at the bottom of the manager as shown previously.

- To un-hide them, click on one of the managers to open it and then click again on the Auto Hide icon a shown.
- Selecting the X (Close icon) instead of the Auto Hide, you will close the manager panel. To re-open them, from the View tab, select Toolpaths, Solids, Planes or Levels as shown.
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Toolpaths Solids

Planes Levels Recent Functions





STEP 6: SETTING MASTERCAM TO IMPERIAL

In this step you will learn how to set the imperial system as your default. You will have to select the **Backstage** options and select the system configuration.

6.1 Setting Mastercam to inch for the current session only

Note: You may need to switch Mastercam to run in MetricInch mode.

File

- Configuration.
 - Select the drop down arrow beside **Current** as shown.
 - Select mcamxm.config <Inch>.

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Select the OK button to exit the System Configuration dialog box.

Note: If you have a drawing on the screen it may ask you to scale the current part to imperial. Choose Yes if you wish to do this.

6.2 Setting Mastercam to imperial as a default

Note: If you wish to always work in Imperial mode, follow these steps to save metricmetric as your current configuration file.

File

- Configuration.
 - Select Start/Exit from the configuration topics.
 - Select the drop down arrow below **Configuration** in the **Startup** settings area as shown
 - Select mcamxm.config <Inch> as shown.

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- Select the **OK** button to exit the **System Configuration** dialog box.
- Mastercam will then prompt you to save these settings to your current configuration file, select **Yes**.



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STEP 7: SET THE GRID

Before beginning to create geometry, it is highly recommended to enable the **Grid**. The grid will show you where the origin is and the orientation of the grid gives you a quick preview of the plane you are working in.

File

- Configuration.
 - Select Screen from the configuration Topics.
 - Select the plus sign (+) beside **Screen** as shown.

System Configuration

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- In Grid, change the Spacing to X = 0.25 and Y = 0.25.
- Set the Size to 1.0.
- Choose the **OK** button to exit.
- Select the **Yes** button to save the settings in the **System Configuration**.
- To see the **Grid** in the graphics window, from the **View** tab, enable **Show Grid** as shown.

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CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS BOOK:

We have attempted to make this manual as uncluttered as possible and provide you with reference information when it is appropriate. It is not intended to be a Reference Guide or all-encompassing user manual.

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The Text Styles Used Are The Followings:

Standard Text - Represents normal wording needed to provide you the instructions.

STEP 8: STEP TITLES

8.1 Sub step titles

Information about the current step, terms or parameter definitions describing the parameters and description.

Bold Text - Represents menu commands, dialog box settings or other similar items from the screen.

Note: Represents information about the process/step that is important or may require an explanation.

Bulleted text are step by step instructions that are to be followed.

The files used in this book are available for download at http://www.emastercam.com/files/.

MASTERCAM® WORK FLOW

The process to create or import the geometry and to generate a toolpath will be repeated over and over through the tutorials in this book. You will find the process simple and straightforward once you have programmed a few parts. The following is an outline of the process we will follow to create programs:

1. Create or import the part geometry.

2. Select the Machine type.

3. Define the stock size that your part will be cut from and set tool information.

4. Select a toolpath type such as Swarf.







5. Select the geometry of the part you will cut with the different selection options.

6. Fill in the necessary information on the parameter pages that appear for the toolpath type you selected.

7. Verify the toolpath on your computer screen to confirm the results are as you expected, using Backplot and/or Solid Verify.

8. Make any changes as required by changing parameters.



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9. Make sure that the Generate toolpath is enabled otherwise, Regenerate the "Dirty" operation to update the parameter changes.

10. Verify again to make sure the toolpath is correct.

11. Convert the graphical toolpath information into machine code by Post Processing and sending it to the CNC machine.



Tutorial 1





OVERVIEW OF STEPS TAKEN TO CREATE THE FINAL PART:

Open the CAD Model:

• The student will download the file that contains the geometry from www.emastercam.com.

Create the necessary Toolpaths to machine the part:

- The student will set up the stock size to be used and the appropriate tool settings.
- A Project Curve Multiaxis toolpath will be created to engrave the letters.

Backplot and Verify the file:

- The Backplot will be used to simulate a step-by-step process of the tool's movements.
- The Verify will be used to watch a tool machine the part out of a solid model.



This tutorial takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

This tutorial covers Mastercam's 5 Axis toolpath functionality. To apply these toolpaths to a 5 Axis machine tool, a customized post processor for your machine is required.

There are no default 5 Axis post processors included with Mastercam due to the variation in multi-axis machine configurations. Contact your Mastercam reseller to request post processor services such as multi-axis post development.

Your post processor may require certain additional programming information not covered in this tutorial. For instance:

You may be required to position your stock in machine space rather than at Mastercam's origin.

You may be required to use the Misc Values.

Your post may also prompt you for tool gage lengths.

The nature of the additional information required largely depends on your machine's configuration. Contact the developer of your post processor for details.

STEP 1: SELECT THE GEOMETRY FILE

Resources - Download the file from www.emastercam.com/trainingfiles/.

File

- Open.
- Select "TUTORIAL 1 PROJECT5 AXIS.MCAM" from the directory you saved the file in.
- Press Alt + F1 to fit the geometry to the graphics window.





STEP 2: SELECT THE MACHINE AND SET UP THE STOCK

In Mastercam, you select a **Machine Definition** before creating any toolpaths. The **Machine Definition** is a model of your machine tool's capabilities and features and acts like a template for setting up machining jobs. The machine definition ties together three main components: the schematic model of your machine tool's components, the control definition that models your control unit's capabilities and the post processor that will generate the required machine code (G-code). For the purpose of this tutorial, we will be using the MILL Default machine.

Note: If you already have the default machine in the Toolpaths Manager, do not select another machine.

2.1 Select the Machine type

Machine

- From the Machine Type group, select the drop down arrow below Mill.
- Select the Default.

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Note: Once you select the Mill Default, the Ribbon bar changes to reflect the toolpaths that could be used with Mill Default.

2.2 Make Level 2 visible to be able to select the stock

Select the Levels tab to open Levels
 Manager as shown.

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Click in the Visible column next to Number 2.

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Recent Functions

Select Tool settings

To display the Toolpaths Manager panel select the Toolpaths tab as shown.

 Select the plus sign (+) in front of Properties in the Toolpaths Manager to expand the Toolpaths Group Properties.

- Select the **Tool settings** to set the tool parameters.
- o set the tool parameters.

Toolpaths

Solids

Planes



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• Change the parameters to match the image shown below.

Default program number is used to enter a number if your machine tool requires a number for a program name.

Assign tool numbers sequentially allows you to overwrite the tool number from the library with the next available tool number (First operation tool number 1; Second operation tool number 2, etc.).

Warn of duplicate tool numbers allows you to get a warning if you enter two tools with the same number.

Override defaults with modal values enables the system to keep the values that you enter.

Feed Calculation set **From tool** uses feed rate, plunge rate, retract rate, and spindle speed from the tool definition.

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Feed Calculation		Toolpath Configuration
From tool		Assign tool numbers sequentially
O From material		Wam of duplicate tool numbers
O From defaults		Use tool's step, peck, coolant
O User defined		Search tool library when entering a tool number
Spindle speed	5000.0	
Feed rate	50.0	Advanced options
Retract rate	125.0	Override defaults with modal values
Plunge rate	25.0	Clearance height
_		Retract height
Adjust feed on arc mo	ove	Feed plane
Minimum arc feed	5.0	Sequence number
		Start 100.0
		laconnect 10.0
Material		
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- 2.4 Set the stock shape and the size
 - Select the Stock Setup tab.
 - In the Shape area, enable Solid and click on the Select button.

Machine Group Properties	\times
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Stock Plane	
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Cylindrical	



 [Select an entity]: Select the solid from the graphics window.



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• The **Stock Setup** page should look as shown.

Select the **OK** button to exit the **Machine Group Properties** dialog box.

2.5 Make Level 2 invisible

Select the Levels tab to open the Levels Manager as shown.

Toolpaths Solids Planes (Levels) Recent Functions

 Click in the Visible column next to Number 2 to remove the X and make Level 2 invisible.

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**Note:** Remember that the stock is not geometry and cannot be selected. You will use the defined stock while verifying the part.

#### STEP 3: PROJECT CURVE MULTIAXIS TOOLPATH

**Advanced Multiaxis** provides enhanced 5 Axis multisurface machining strategies. You can work with the full interface that gives you access to all the available parameters and options. You can also choose from a number of simplified interfaces that have been customized for specific applications and machining strategies.

These toolpaths work on surfaces. Solid selection is available for most advanced multiaxis toolpath strategies, with the following exceptions: toolpaths that require the selection of a defined edge (solid edge) and toolpaths that require the selection of only a single surface (solid face).

To display the Toolpaths Manager panel select the Toolpaths tab as shown.





3.1 Create the Projection 5 Axis toolpath with the tool axis oriented normal to the surfaces

**Project Curve** is a toolpath that follows a curve that has been projected onto a set of surfaces. This is useful for engraving and similar applications. Projection curves should lie on or above the surface, within the maximum projection distance.

Toolpath Preview:



#### Toolpaths

as shown.

• From the **Multiaxis** group, select the **Expand gallery** arrow as shown.

• From the **Application** gallery, select the **Project Curve** icon







#### 3.2 Toolpath Type

The **Toolpath Type** page allows you to establish the type of multiaxis toolpath to create. The toolpath type controls the options available as you proceed down the tree structure. The **Toolpath Type** page allows you to select between the two toolpath groups, **Pattern** or **Applications**. You can then choose one of the toolpaths inside of that group.

- Select Toolpath Type from the Tree View List.
- In the **Toolpath Type** area, **Project Curve** should be already selected as shown.



#### 3.3 Tool

The **Tool** page allows you to select a tool, set the feeds and speeds, enter a comment about the operation, and set other general toolpath parameters.



• As the tool type, select the **Taper Mill** as shown.

Select the tool type you wish to create from the list below.

Flat endmill	Bull endmill	Ball endmill	
Face mill	Radius mill	Chamfer mill	
Slot mill	Taper mill	Dove mill	
Lollipop mill	Engrave mill	Thread mill	
High feed mill	Custom tool		
Accelerated Finishing™			
Rarrel form	Qual form	Tapar form	



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• Select the **Next** button and change the parameters as shown.

Note: Make sure that you enter the **Tip diameter** first. Once you set the **Corner type** to **Full Radius**, the **Tip diameter** will be grayed out.

#### Define Taper Mill

Adjust geometric properties used to define the tool shape.

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• Select the **Next** button and change the parameters as shown.

#### Finalize miscellaneous properties.

Adjust any miscellaneous properties before finalizing tool creation.

Operation			General	
Tool number:		1	Name:	0.25 Tapered Endmill
Length offset:		1	Description:	
Diameter offset:		1	Manufacturer name:	Mastercam Importer *
Head number:		0	Manufacturer's tool code:	
SFM:		57.06806	Tool Grade:	Mastercam Default ( *
FPT:		0.00125		•
Number of flutes:		4	Milling	
Feed rate:		50	Rough Tool	
Plunge rate:		25	✓ Finish Tool	
Retract rate:		50	Rough XY step (%):	0
Spindle speed:		4360	Rough Z step (%):	0
Spindle direction:	Clockwise	•	Finish XY step (%):	0
Material:	Carbide	•	Finish Z step (%):	0
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• Select the **Finish** button to continue.

#### 3.4 Tool

Add a comment in the Comment area to identify the toolpath in the Toolpaths Manager and also in the NC file.

<ul> <li>The <b>Tool</b> page should look as shown.</li> </ul>	Status Tool Number Assemb	oly Na Tool Name I 0.25 Tapere	Tool diameter:         0.05           Comer radius:         0.025           Tool name:         0.25 Taper           Tool #:         1           Head #:         0	ed Endmill Length offset: 1 Diameter offset: 1
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**Note:** The Feed rate, Plunge rate and Spindle speed values are the ones you set on the Parameters page of the Tool definition.

#### 3.5 Holder

In the Holder page, select the B2C4-0016 holder as shown.





#### 3.6 Cut Pattern

Cut Pattern settings determine the geometry that the tool follows and how it travels along that geometry.

The **Projection** button allows you to return to the graphics window to select the curves. Projection curves should lie on or above the surface, within the Max. projection distance.

The **Drive surface** button allows you to return to the graphics window to select the surfaces.

Drive surfaces offset allows you to set the depth the project toolpath will cut to.

**Projection dir** allows you to select the projection method between along one of the axes, along a line or using the surface normal.

Type allows you to select a pattern from a drop down list.

Cut tolerance sets the accuracy of the Multiaxis toolpath.

Max. projection distance sets the maximum distance between toolpath positions in the cutting direction.

- From the Tree View list, select Cut Pattern.
- Click on **arrow** in the **Pattern** area to select **Projection**.

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• From the **Chaining** dialog box, select the **Window** button as shown.



• The geometry should be selected as shown.

- Select the OK button to exit the Chaining dialog box.
- Click on the arrow button as shown to select Machining geometries.

Pattern				
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Max. projection distance	0.005			{
Machining geometries	(0) 🕟 😣			Ś
Machining geometries offset	0			1
Cutting side	Center ~			

- [Select Solid Face, Surface or Mesh]: Select the surfaces shown.
- Press Enter or the End selection button to finish the selection.



Change the Machining geometries offset to -0.005 and make sure that the rest of the parameters are set as shown.

Note: The Machining geometries offset sets the depth of the engraving.

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Machining geometries offset	-0.005			0	
Cutting side	Center ~				
Area					
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Round corners				Cut tolerance	0.001
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**Note:** The graphics in all of the toolpath parameter pages will change as you modify a parameter. This helps you visualize how that parameter influences the toolpath. Your image might be different from the one shown based on the parameter you selected to change.

#### 3.7 Tool Axis Control

The **Tool Axis Control** page allows you to set the parameters that control the tool axis orientation in relation to the geometry being cut.

The **Maximum angle step** sets the maximum angle between the adjacent tool vectors generated along the curves.

• From the **Tree View list**, select **Tool Axis Control** and make sure the parameters are set as shown.

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Maximum angle step	3	1
Tool axis control	Surface with tilt	1 1
Side tilt definition	Or the to cut direction at each position $\sim$	
Set side tilt by	Angle ~	
Lead angle to cutting direction		
Lead angle to cutting direction		
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Smoothing		
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Common direction		
On all contours		
On single contour		
Run tool Auto	~	
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#### 3.8 Linking

Linking determines how the tool moves when not cutting material.

**Distances** set the distances above the part, as incremental values, where the tool is moving at rapid feed rates or at the cutting feed rate. It also sets the minimum distance above the part for the tool to travel in the clearance area.

From the Tree View list, select Linking and set the Small gaps and Large gaps to Retract to feed distance and leave the rest of the parameters as shown.

Entry/Exit						
First entry	Approach from clearance are	a v	Don't use Lead-In	$\sim$		
Last exit	Retract to clearance area	~	Don't use Lead-Out	$\sim$		
	Start from home position		Home position			
Default links						
Small gaps	Blend spline	~	Don't use Lead-In/Out	$\sim$		
Large gaps	Retract to rapid distance	~	on't use Lead-In/Out	$\sim$	Į	
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Clearance area					<	
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Direction	Z-axis	~	Entry feed distance		C	).4
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	- I	5	Clearance area			
Angle step for rap	oid moves	5	Rapid distance	1	Arc radius 0	
Angle step for fee	ed moves	5	Feed distance			

**Note:** You have to retract the tool after each letter is machined to the feed distance to ensure no gouges are made into the part.

Select the **OK** button to exit the **Multiaxis Toolpath - Project Curve** dialog box.

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