

Speeds & Feeds

Product Table: End Mills for Plastics & Composites - Single Flute - Router - Downcut **Characteristics:** 4x, 5x, 6x, 7x Length of Cut **Series:** SFL-XXX-XX, SFL-XXX-XXX, SFLM-XXX-XX

Material	Туре	Hardness	SFM	Chip Load (IPT) By Cutter Diameter Depth														Depth	of Cut		
					.015	.031	.047	.062	.078	.093	.125	.187	.250	.312	.375	.500	.625	.750	1.000	Radial	Axial
UNFILLED PLASTICS ETFE, FEP, HDPE, LDPE, PFA,	50 < 100 Rr	50 < 100 Rr.	1200 - 1600	Slot - Rough	.0005	.0010	.0015	.0020	.0025	.0029	.0039	.0059	.0079	.0084	.0101	.0134	.0168	.0201	.0269	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
Polyurethane, PTFE, Rulon, Teflon, UHMW	Unfilled	55 < 85 Shore D		Profile	.0005	.0011	.0017	.0023	.0028	.0034	.0045	.0068	.0091	.0096	.0116	.0154	.0193	.0232	.0309	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
Acrylic, Acetal, Delrin, Lucite, Nylon 6, Nylon 6/6, PAI, PI, PEEK, Disciples, PO, POLL, Taclar, 4000	Unfilled	100 > 150 Rr	800 - 1200	Slot - Rough	.0006	.0012	.0018	.0024	.0030	.0036	.0048	.0072	.0097	.0102	.0123	.0164	.0205	.0246	.0328	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
Plexiglas, PS, PSU, Torlon 4203, Ultem 1000				Profile	.0007	.0014	.0021	.0028	.0035	.0041	.0056	.0083	.0111	.0118	.0142	.0189	.0236	.0283	.0377	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
FILLED PLASTICS	Lubricant Filled (Oil, Moly, Graphite,	50 < 100 Rr,	1200 1600	Slot - Rough	.0005	.0010	.0015	.0020	.0025	.0029	.0039	.0059	.0079	.0084	.0101	.0134	.0168	.0201	.0269	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
Vespel SP-3	Teflon, PTFE)	55 < 85 Shore D		Profile	.0005	.0011	.0017	.0023	.0028	.0034	.0045	.0068	.0091	.0096	.0116	.0154	.0193	.0232	.0309	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
Nyoil, Nylatron, Plavis MS, Torlon 4301	Lubricant Filled (Oil, Moly, Graphite, Teflon, PTFE)	100 > 150 Rr	800 - 1200	Slot - Rough	.0006	.0012	.0018	.0024	.0030	.0036	.0048	.0072	.0097	.0102	.0123	.0164	.0205	.0246	.0328	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
				Profile	.0007	.0014	.0021	.0028	.0035	.0041	.0056	.0083	.0111	.0118	.0142	.0189	.0236	.0283	.0377	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
	Carbon/Glass Filled 5% < 20%	100 > 150 Rr	600 - 800	Slot - Rough	.0006	.0012	.0018	.0024	.0030	.0036	.0048	.0072	.0097	.0102	.0123	.0164	.0205	.0246	.0328	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
				Profile	.0007	.0014	.0021	.0028	.0035	.0041	.0056	.0083	.0111	.0118	.0142	.0189	.0236	.0283	.0377	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
	Carbon/Glass Filled 21% < 40%	100 > 150 Rr	500 - 700	Slot - Rough	.0005	.0010	.0015	.0020	.0025	.0029	.0039	.0059	.0079	.0084	.0101	.0134	.0168	.0201	.0269	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
				Profile	.0005	.0011	.0017	.0023	.0028	.0034	.0045	.0068	.0091	.0096	.0116	.0154	.0193	.0232	.0309	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
FIBER REINFORCED PLASTICS	Carbon/Glass Fiber 5% < 20%	100 > 150 Rr	500 - 700	Slot - Rough	.0006	.0012	.0018	.0024	.0030	.0036	.0048	.0072	.0097	.0102	.0123	.0164	.0205	.0246	.0328	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
FR4, G10, G11				Profile	.0007	.0014	.0021	.0028	.0035	.0041	.0056	.0083	.0111	.0118	.0142	.0189	.0236	.0283	.0377	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia
G30	Carbon/Glass Fiber 21% < 40%	100 > 150 Rr	300 - 400	Slot - Rough	.0005	.0010	.0015	.0020	.0025	.0029	.0039	.0059	.0079	.0084	.0101	.0134	.0168	.0201	.0269	1 x Dia	1 x Dia
				Profile	.0005	.0011	.0017	.0023	.0028	.0034	.0045	.0068	.0091	.0096	.0116	.0154	.0193	.0232	.0309	.35 x Dia	1 x Dia

Product Notes:

Plastics are typically discussed in 3 basic ways:

Unfilled - virgin plastic with no additives, fillers or reinforcement

Filled - virgin plastic with lubricating additives or strengthening particle fill

Fiber Reinforced - virgin plastic with reinforcing strands of fiber laid in either a random or engineered way

Since the melting point varies greatly from plastic to plastic, the speed (RPM) used should be closely supervised

Fiber Reinforced Plastics can be challenging as they encompass multiple variations. Please consider the following:

- An additional reduction in RPM may be necessary to avoid excessive fraying, splitting and tear out of fibers
- There may be high density areas or "hard spots" (especially in random/whisker reinforcement) in which speeds & feeds should be reduced
- Aramid fibers are more ductile and less abrasive than glass and carbon fibers allowing increased chip loads (IPT) in these materials
- When machining woven/cloth layered materials, use an oscillating program to help avoid heavy, localized wear on the cutter

General Notes:

All posted speed and feed parameters are suggested starting values that may be increased given optimal setup conditions. Chip loads reflect uncoated cutters and may be increased, remain unchanged or even decreased if coated.

If you require additional information, Micro100 has a team of technical experts available to assist you through even the most challenging applications. Please contact us at **800-421-8065** or **micro100tech@harveyperformance.com**.

WARNING: Cutting tools may shatter under improper use. Government regulations require use of safety glasses and other appropriate safety equipment in the vicinity of use.