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**ABSTRACT:-** With the development of technology, more and more challenging problems are faced by the scientists and technologists in the field of manufacturing. The many new materials and alloys that have been developed for specific uses possess a very low machinability. Producing complicated geometries in such materials becomes extremely difficult with the usual methods. To tackle such difficult jobs two approaches are possible, viz., (i) a modification of the traditional processes and (ii) the development of new processes. This presents the modelling of an Abrasive Jet Machine. The individual parts are fabricated and assembled in the workshop.

**INTRODUCTION :-** Abrasive jet machining (AJM) is one of the advanced machining processes (mechanical energy based) in which a high velocity jet of abrasives is used to remove material from the work surface by impact that leads to the erosion of material from the workpiece. The abrasive jet is obtained by accelerating fine abrasive particles in highly pressurized gas which is also known as carrier gas. A nozzle is used whose function is to convert the pressure energy into kinetic energy and also has the role of directing the jet towards the work surface at a particular angle known as impingement angle. Upon impact, hard abrasive particles gradually remove material by the erosion process and sometimes assisted by brittle fracture. AJM differs from age-old sand blasting technique by a notable level in terms of accuracy and precision. AJM utilizes various abrasives including alumina, silicon carbide, glass beads, sodium bicarbonate, etc.; whereas sand blasting predominantly utilizes only silica sand ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ). Although the purposes of both the processes are quite similar, cutting parameters can be controlled in AJM and thus it can provide better accuracy and precision.

**Abrasive:** An abrasive is a material, often a mineral, that is used to shape or finish a workpiece through rubbing which leads to part of the workpiece being worn away by **friction**. While finishing a material often means polishing it to gain a smooth, reflective surface, the process can also involve roughening as in satin, matte or beaded finishes. In short, the ceramics which are

used to cut, grind and polish other softer materials are known as abrasives. Abrasives are extremely commonplace and are used very extensively in a wide variety of industrial, domestic, and technological applications. This gives rise to a large variation in the physical and chemical composition of abrasives as well as the shape of the abrasive. Some common uses for abrasives include grinding, polishing, buffing, honing, cutting, drilling, sharpening, lapping, and sanding (see abrasive machining). (For simplicity, "mineral" in this article will be used loosely to refer to both minerals and mineral-like substances whether man-made or not.)

Abrasive is a tool used for shaping or giving a fine finish to the workpiece by rubbing. By doing

this, the friction wears away some part of the workpiece. It can also do the detailing of a workpiece, i.e. polishing to get a silky, smooth and shiny surface. Users can obtain various types of finishes like satin, matte or beaded finishes. In short, the abrasive is a form of ceramic used for cutting, grinding and polishing other softer materials. It is commonly used in industrial, domestic and technological applications. Along with cutting and grinding, users can perform buffing, honing, drilling, sharpening, lapping and sanding using these abrasives.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

1. This study concerns the determination of the significant factors for an innovative deburring process: low pressure abrasive water-jet blasting. The abrasive medium aluminium oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ) is classified according to the individual characteristics of different grain sizes
2. This study investigates whether the abrasive jet cutting quality in cancellous bone with a biocompatible abrasive is sufficient for the implantation of endoprotheses or for osteotomies. Sixty porcine femoral condyles were cut with an abrasive water jet and with an oscillating saw.
3. Banyan tree saw dust powder (BSD) filled Polypropylene (PP) green composites have been fabricated with varying amounts viz., 0%, 20%, and 40% of BSD particulate filler by using a corotating twin screw extruder followed by injection molding. The mechanical properties such as surface hardness, tensile behavior, and impact strength of the fabricated PP/BSD green composites have been studied in order to standardize the composites

4. The roughness of cut surfaces is used here as an important characteristic for both the types of tools. It enters as a necessary variable into newly derived equations enabling the theoretical calculation of parameters of a flexible cut and chip.
5. The objective of this research work is to machine holes on the glass fiber reinforced polymer composite using an abrasive jet machine under various levels of process parameters. The material removal rate and hole geometry (kerf analysis) were observed as a part of the investigation.
6. High cutting speed combined with close tolerances, multidirectional machining capability, and high versatility are only a few advantages of this process. Most highly valued are the minimal heat build-up and low deformation stresses within the machined part. The basic principle of AWJ machining is the erosion of the workpiece by solid particles suspended in a high-speed water jet.
7. It is under development for the surface figuring of a variety of optical materials by IOM for about 15 years. PJM is capable of drawing deep aspheric or free-form substrates with high material removal rate and high spatial resolution
8. Based on this concept the technology is also tested for further materials at this time. Apart from the dewatering of moist fossil fuels, the process is especially suitable for the dewatering of suspensions containing ultrafine particles ( $d < 10 \text{ nm}$ ) which are difficult to dewater nowadays.
9. show that fracture toughness, flexural strength and relative density continuously increase with increasing (W,Ti)C content up to 50 wt-% for B<sub>4</sub>C/(W,Ti)C composite, while hardness decreases with increasing (W,Ti)C content. The sintering temperature was lowered from 2150°C for monolithic B<sub>4</sub>C to 1850°C for B<sub>4</sub>C/(W,Ti)C composite. The hardness of B<sub>4</sub>C/(W,Ti)C ceramic nozzles had an important influence on erosion rate in sand blasting.
10. The main advantage of this algorithm is that it does not accumulate towards some local optima, and the presence of a social hierarchy helps it in storing the best possible solutions obtained so far. The derived results using GWO exhibit a significant improvement in the response values as compared to the previous attempts for parametric optimization of AWJM processes while applying other algorithms.
11. The resulting erosion can be used for cutting, etching, cleaning, deburring, drilling and polishing. In the study completed by the authors, statistical design of experiments was successfully employed to predict the rate of material removal by AJM. This paper discusses the details of such an approach and the findings

12. The effects of the abrasive water jet turning processing parameters on the average surface roughness and the macro and micro surface characteristics were analyzed. The analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed by using the interaction between the factors affecting the average surface roughness and macro and micro surface characteristics and linear regression model was presented
13. The effect of AJM on the material removal behavior of a commercially available alumina ceramic, and its effect on mechanical properties, was characterized and compared with identical material subjected to conventional finishing processes.
14. An analytical model has been developed based on the above observations for predicting the material removal in an abrasive jet machining process. The model also suggests the critical value of mass flow rate which has been substantiated experimentally.
15. Accuracy Of machined components is very important in every industry and geometrical accuracy of holes is vital in case of subassemblies of components. In this perspective, the researchers/experts updated their machinery from time to time.

## **Characteristics of Abrasive Jet Cutting (AJM)**

1. Abrasive —  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  or SiC to be used once
2. Size of abrasive — around 25  $\mu\text{m}$
3. Flow rate — 2—20 g/min.
4. Medium — Air or  $\text{CO}_2$ .
5. Velocity — 150—300 m/sec.
6. Pressure — 2 to 8  $\text{kg/cm}^2$
7. Nozzle — WC or sapphire with orifice area—0.05 to 0.2  $\text{mm}^2$
8. Life of nozzle — WC (12—30 hrs), sapphire (around 300 hrs)
9. Nozzle tip distance — 0.25 to 15 mm
10. Tolerance —  $\pm 0.05$  mm
11. Surface Roughness — 0.15—0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  with particles of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  size, 0.4—0.8  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1.0 to 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , with particle size of 25 and 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .
12. Work material – Hard and brittle materials like glass, ceramic, mica, etc.
13. Machining operations – Drilling, cutting, deburring, cleaning

14. Advantages – Can cut intricate hole shapes in hard and brittle materials, fragile and heat sensitive materials can be cut without damage because there is no heating of working surface
15. Limitations – Low material removal rate, low accuracy (0.1 mm) due to stray cutting (taper effect), and abrasives get embedded in surface if material is soft.

## **FUTURE SCOPE OF ABRASIVE JET MACHINING**

In future, the efficiency of the Abrasive jet machine systems can be improved by incorporating newer materials and parts. First of all, we should have a clear cut idea of our systems, and then depending on the type of work material used, we should select the design parameters. Use of masks or stencils to control overspray or to produce holes of larger diameter and a high degree of detail without moving the nozzle and tracing the shape is also possible. In selecting nozzle material, to withstand the abrasion at the exit of the nozzle, the chosen material has to be one with hardness values significantly higher than the abrasive mix being used. In most of the precision works, brass has played a vital role in the nozzle. So using a more rigid material such as tungsten carbide may give higher stability of cut without stray cut and taper hole. For shaking the mixing chamber, a manual handle is used. This can be done automatically by using a motor. Using a dust collecting system and air filter, the environmental loading and hazards can be eliminated for eco-friendly machining. Beyond several traditional applications, some futuristic applications of the abrasive jet are

1. Cutting tools blasting after grinding.
2. Abrasive jet etching.
3. Surface cleaning before welding.
4. Cryogenic abrasive jet for machining polymers.

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