It is critical for small tooling to have correct set ups. Speeds and feeds, condition of toolholder, insert and machine, centerline heights, squareness of cutting edge to machine, rigid machine to toolholder relationships are vital for proper performance in all applications. The items listed are general guides, but will not solve all problems. Please call our sales office for additional assistance.

Problem	Things to try
Grooving	
Cutting oversized; Groove walls not square	Check insert squareness; Check toolholder condition; Check insert centerline; Check machine alignment; Decrease IPR
Chatter; Poor finish	Increase speed; Reduce feed; Check toolholder condition; Check centerline; Stub toolholder and review toolholder size and machine set up for maximum rigidity; Add coating; Add top rake
Built up edge; Insert chipping	Increase feed; Increase speed; Run with coolant; Use coated insert; Check insert centerline
Burr on part	Add chamfer to insert; Turn or bore diameter after groove
Insert breaking	Check insert squareness; Check toolholder condition; Check insert centerline; Check machine condition; Decrease IPR; Review speeds and feeds; Verify insert grade
Chip control	Increase feed; Use peck cycle; Mount with cutting edge down; Flood with coolant; Add chip control to insert
Face Grooving	
Cutting oversized; Groove walls not square	Check insert squareness; Check toolholder condition; Check insert centerline; Check machine alignment; Decrease IPR
Chatter; Poor finish	Increase speed; Reduce feed; Check toolholder condition; Check centerline; Stub toolholder and review toolholder size and machine set up for maximum rigidity; Add coating; Add top rake
Built up edge; Insert chipping	Increase feed; Increase speed; Run with coolant; Use coated insert; Check insert centerline
Burr on part	Add chamfer to insert; Turn or bore diameter after groove
Insert breaking	Check insert squareness; Verify clearance diameter; Check insert centerline; Check toolholder condition; Check machine condition; Decrease IPR; Review speeds and feeds; Verify insert grade
Chip control	Increase feed; Use peck cycle; Mount with cutting edge down; Flood with coolant; Add chip control to insert
Boring/Turning	
Chatter; Poor Finish	Increase speed; Reduce feed; Check toolholder condition; Check centerline; Verify chip evacuation; Verify coolant reaching cutting edge; Stub toolholder and review toolholder size and machine set up for maximum rigidity; Add coating; Add top rake
Built up edge; Insert chipping	Increase feed; Increase speed; Increase corner radius; Run with coolant; Use coated insert; Check insert centerline
Insert breaking	Check squareness; Verify clearance diameter; Check centerline; Check toolholder condition; Check machine condition; Decrease IPR; Review speeds and feeds; Verify insert grade
Chip control	Increase feed; Mount with cutting edge down; Flood with coolant; Add chip control to insert
Threading	
Chatter; Poor finish	Increase speed; Reduce depth of cut per pass; Check toolholder condition; Check centerline; Verify chip evacuation; Verify coolant reaching cutting edge; Stub toolholder and review toolholder size and machine set up for maximum rigidity; Add coating
Built up edge; Insert chipping	Increase depth of cut per pass; Increase speed; Increase corner radius; Run with coolant; Use coated insert; Check insert centerline
Insert breaking	Check squareness; Check centerline; Check toolholder condition; Check machine condition; Decrease depth of cut per pass; Review speeds and feeds; Verify insert grade
Parting	
Insert leading; Faces not square	Check insert squareness; Check toolholder condition; Check insert centerline; Check machine alignment; Decrease IPR; Add lead angle
Chatter; Poor finish	Increase speed; Reduce feed; Check toolholder condition; Check centerline; Stub toolholder and review toolholder size and machine set up for maximum rigidity; Add coating; Add top rake
Built up edge; Insert chipping	Increase feed; Increase speed; Run with coolant; Use coated insert; Check insert centerline
Burr on part	Chamfer before parting; Add lead angle to drop side of insert
Insert breaking	Check insert squareness; Check toolholder condition; Check insert centerline; Check machine condition; Decrease IPR; Review speeds and feeds; Verify insert grade
Chip control	Increase feed; Use peck cycle; Mount with cutting edge down; Flood with coolant; Add chip control to insert