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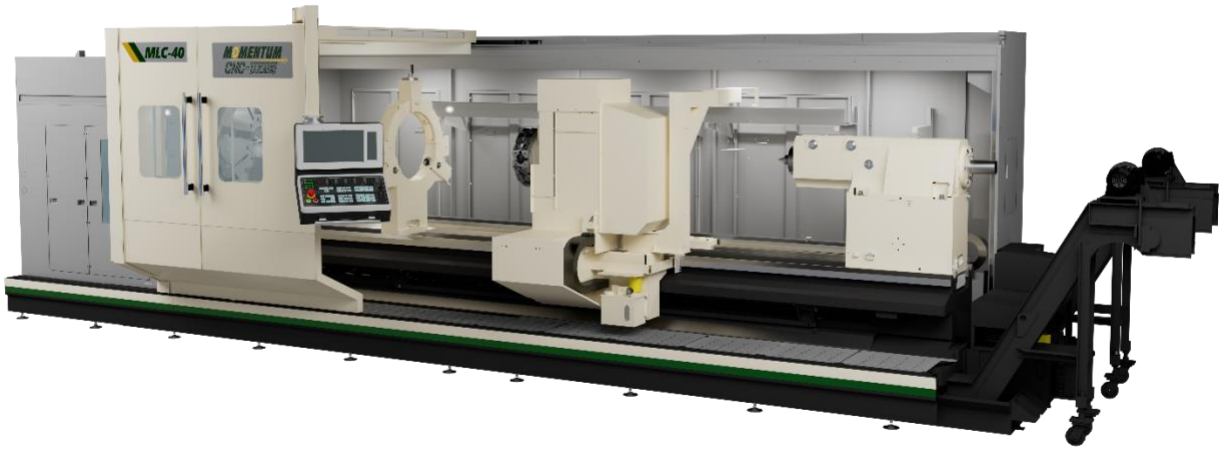
MLC PLUS CONFIGURATION



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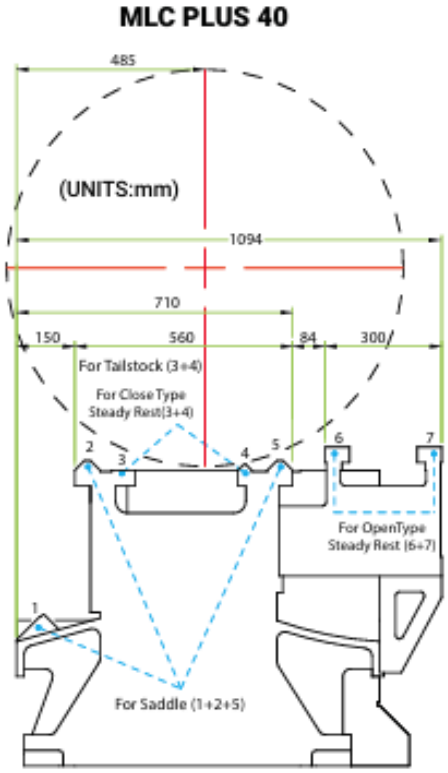
MLC PLUS CONFIGURATION

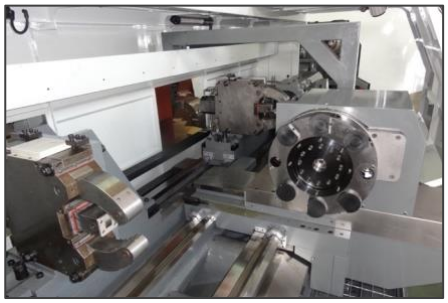
The MLC PLUS includes all of the standard features of the MLC, in addtion to having additional steady rest ways (MLC PLUS, MLC-M PLUS and MCL-MY PLUS) come equipped with these exceptional standard features:



1) ADDITIONAL WAYS

PLUS models feature an additional pair of steady rest ways, providing a solid foundation for multiple static or moving steady rest units. Cast from the same Meehanite as the single-piece bed, this steady rest rail is precision ground with the bed as a single assembly for accurate positioning regardless of Z-axis placement.

2) PASS-THROUGH CARRIAGE



On PLUS model MLCs, the X-axis carriage travel automatically reduces to 380mm (14.9”) from the standard 530mm (20.9”) to allow the carriage to pass mounted steady rests.

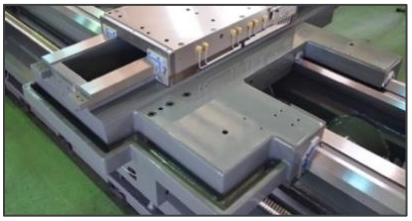
MLC PLUS CONFIGURATION (continued)

The base MLC-PLUS machine comes equipped with exceptional standard features, many of which are typically offered as options or are unavailable from other brands.

1) GENEROUS CAPACITIES

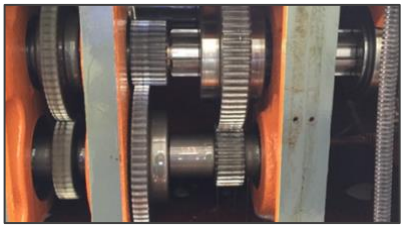
The MLC boasts best-in-class capacities, featuring up to 1270 mm (50.0”) swing over bed, 870 mm (34.2”) swing over the cross slide, 12.2 meters (480.3”) distance between centers, and up to 12 tons (25,400 lb.) between centers, depending on configuration.

2) MEEHANITE BED



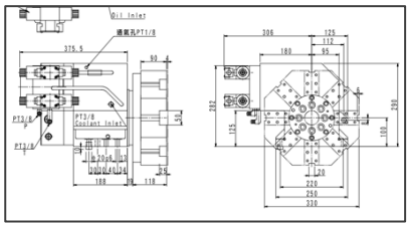
The heavy-duty single-piece bed and all carriages are constructed from Meehanite cast iron, precision machined, and ground. Both the X and Z axis ways are box type, and the Z ways utilize a 3 V +1 slant guide way design for enhanced carriage support. MLC-PLUS models further offer two additional box ways for open-type steady rests.

3) ROBUST HEADSTOCK



The headstock gearbox incorporates three bearing support points for increased stability. The spindle shaft and gears are made from molybdenum chrome alloy steel, heat treated, and ground for durability and performance. Each spindle undergoes a two-step balancing process—first before headstock assembly and again prior to shipment.

4) HEAVY-DUTY TURRET



The standard 2-axis CLT-100-12T turret features a "double-cam-plate" indexing mechanism for smooth and rapid tool disc rotation. This compact and durable system is ideal for heavy-duty precision cutting. The hydraulic drive system ensures precise indexing, clamping, and unclamping, while proximity detectors eliminate the risk of tool disc change errors.

5) ROTATING-QUILL TAILSTOCK

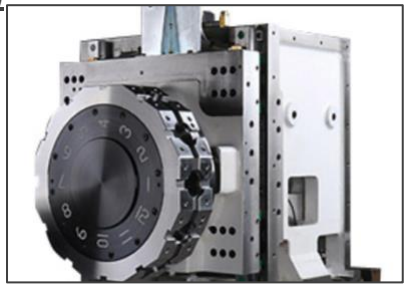
The standard tailstock includes a 185mm rotating quill, with larger options of 250mm available. The quill design mirrors that of a CNC lathe's spindle, ensuring high rigidity and accuracy. All tailstock sizes come with an inner taper of MT6 and an A2-8 or A2-11 spindle nose, while the tailstock body is seated on two box ways.

HEAVY-DUTY MACHINE: M & MY MODELS

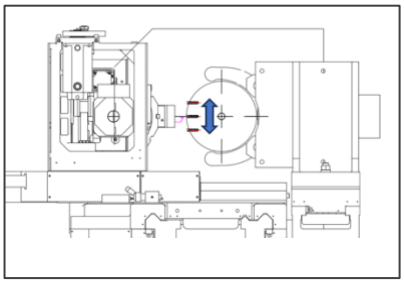
The live tool M & MY models (MLC-M, MLC-MY and MCL-MY PLUS) can be configured with the following turrets and additional standard features:

1) BMT-65 TURRET with Y axis and BMT75 (non-Y axis)

The servo turret provides excellent tool change performance, while the spindle motor delivers power for milling operations. A flexible coupling ensures zero-loss power transmission, achieving a maximum milling speeds.



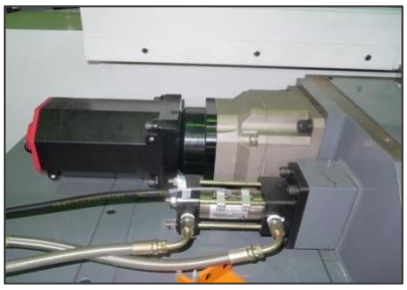
2) Y-AXIS (BMT65 ONLY)



The Y-axis capability enables simultaneous processing of multiple operations on complex workpieces, significantly enhancing productivity. Y-axis stroke is +/- 65mm, providing ample travel for keyway and similar work.

3) CF-AXIS POSITIONING

The dedicated Cf-axis servo motor and dual-input gearbox ensure smooth and accurate spindle rotation during milling, offering superior performance compared to traditional spindle motor-driven systems.



4) SPINDLE BRAKE

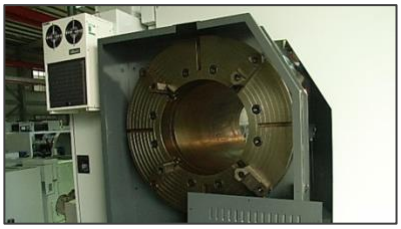
A hydraulic brake pair provides versatile clamping options, allowing precise control during milling cuts and Cf-axis milling. Dual clamping pressures are available: light braking for dampening during rotating milling cuts and high pressure for spindle hold during milling or drilling.

CONFIGURATION & FLEXIBILITY

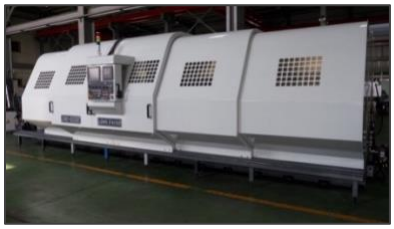
Many options are available to customize your MLC series machine to meet your specific needs.

1) SPINDLE BORE OPTIONS

Spindle bores are available in 6", 9", 12" and 14.5", accommodating larger workpieces. The rear spindle can also be prepared with a chuck adaptor and coolant collection box for dual chuck applications, such as pipe threading.



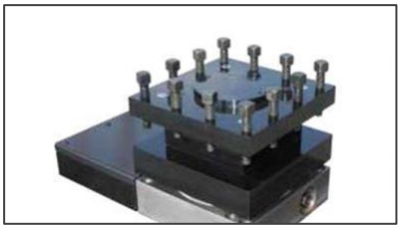
2) FULL ENCLOSUE



A full splash guard enclosure is available to facilitate high-pressure coolant applications and ensure optimal chip, coolant, and mist containment.

3) H4-250 SQUARE TURRET

Compact and heavy-duty, the small footprint of the H4-250 turret increases maximum turning diameter, while a built-in 2-piece hirth coupling provides +/- 1 arc second of repeatability and high rigidity.



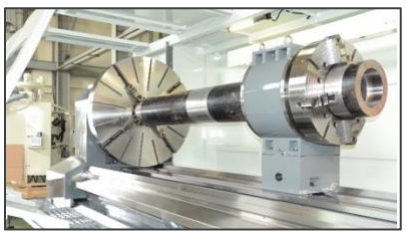
4) GRINDING HEAD

Two-axis grinding can be achieved with optional grinding motors and/or the M202 command, allowing customers to select the optimal level of grinding control for their needs.

5) BORING BAR HOLDER FOR MAIN CARRIAGE

Heavy duty removable boring bar holder for 100mm, 150mm or 200mm diameter boring bars mounted to carriage.

6) THRU-SPINDLE "THIMBLE" STEADY REST



Heavy and specialized applications can be accommodated by a tail spindle instead of a conventional tailstock, with various through-hole sizes and chuck mounting configurations available.

7) STEADY REST

Steady rest are available in Full surround, “C” type open front and hydraulic.
Full surround with range of 30mm to 700mm.
“C” type open with range of 30mm to 535mm.
Hydraulic steadies with range of 20mm to 350mm.