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Fixturing Parts for Power Stroking

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Part Fixturing Categories

Most parts that you would hone on a Sunnen Power Stroker fall into 10 categories as far as fixturing is concerned. They are:

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The examples shown in this data file show how parts from each of these categories have been successfully fixtured. With this information, you should be able to apply the principles shown here to the fixturing of your own parts, when necessary.

INTRODUCTION

This book is a general guide on fixturing that may be used with the Sunnen Power Stroker. The photographs and fact sheets provide sufficient information for most shops to design and make a successful fixture in those cases where standard Sunnen off-the-shelf fixturing will not do the job.

Primary Design Considerations

1. The fixture must absorb the honing torque.
2. The bore must be free to align itself with the mandrel.
3. The fixture must not distort the part.
4. The fixture should permit quick, easy loading and unloading.
POWER STROKING FIXTURING

1. Parts which have a round outer surface and a substantial wall thickness . . .

Use a Sunnen HF- Loop-Grip Workholder to keep the workpiece from turning. Workholders are available in three sizes; select the size that best accommodates the length and diameter of your part.

On heavy stock removal operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture, as shown.

On light honing operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers (see Category 5).

2. Parts with thin walls . . .

Use a Sunnen HF- Loop-Grip Workholder to keep the workpiece from turning. This type of holder is essential to avoid distortion of thin wall parts. Workholders are available in three sizes; select the size that best accommodates the length and diameter of your part.

End cap must be fabricated and put over the ends of the workpiece to give the fingers or face plate a surface to bear upon, as shown.

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On light honing operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers (see Category 5).
3. Parts with projections on the outer surface . . .

Category 3 parts usually require no workholder; a projection on the part is used to keep the workpiece from turning.

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On light honing operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers (see Category 5).

4. Parts with a hole on the outer surface . . .

To keep the workpiece from turning, merely stick a rod into the hole.

On heavy stock removal operations end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture, as shown.

On light honing operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers (see Category 5).
5. Parts with irregular outer surfaces . . .

Best method of holding this type of part is to find a flat, a protrusion, a slot, or an indentation on the OD, and fabricate a wrench-type holder to engage the part to keep it from turning, as shown.

On heavy stock removal operations end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture (see Category 4).

On light honing operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers, as shown.

6. Parts, which are too short to be, honed one at a time . . .

Make a pot fixture to accommodate as many parts as can be efficiently honed with the mandrel you will use. A combined part length equal to or longer than stone length is a good place to start. The pot fixture must be open at both ends and should have a screw cap, bayonet, or clamp to contain the parts. A rod is used to keep the pot fixture from turning.
**CAUTION**

End faces of parts must be flat, parallel, and reasonably square with the bore. I.D. of parts should be lined up so as closely as possible with a plug or expanding mandrel. (A long Sunnen mandrel of the same diameter as you're honing with would be ideal.) Part-to-part variation of rough size should be minimized.

If the parts are shaped so that a convenient way can be found to keep each part from turning individually, lining up and clamping is not necessary. But the stroke must be adjusted so no more than 1/2 the length of the end parts extends beyond the end of the stone at each extreme position of the stroke.

On heavy stock removal operations, thrust is taken on the pot fixture with a KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture (see Category 8).

On light honing operations, thrust is taken on the pot fixture with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers, as shown.

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**7. Parts with short bores, which must be held, square to the face . . .**

When the diameter of a bore is more than three times its length, and the workpiece has a flat face, Sunnen Power Stroking can create or maintain squareness between the bore and the face. In some cases, this can even be achieved when the diameter of the bore is only twice its length.

Use a Sunnen KKN-____ faceplate to absorb forward stroke end thrust while keeping the bore square to the face. Configuration of the workpiece will dictate the method to use to keep it from turning.

End thrust on the backstroke can be absorbed with a KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture, as shown, or with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture, (see Category 5). The important thing is that the workpiece must be held flat against the faceplate in order to create or maintain squareness. KKN-615A Flex Pads (available from Sunnen) can often be used to hold the workpiece flat against the faceplate, as shown pads should exert pressure on workpiece.

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**Figure 7, Short Parts w/Sq. Face (1 of 2)**
8. Parts with blind holes . . .

If at all possible, provide a relief (undercut) at the closed end of the hole to permit the stone to overstroke the honed surface. The relief does not have to be more than a few thousandths deep and can actually blend in with the bore when finish honed, but it should be as long as possible, preferably 1/3 the length of the stone.

Sunnen honing units in the K, J-K, AK, J-AK, BL, L, BAL, AL and P28 groups can be utilized for honing bores that have one end closed. (Special Y mandrels can also be made.) In honing blind holes, it is necessary for the stone and guide shoes to extend flush with the tip of the honing unit. If your application utilizes one of the P28 groups of honing units, install the blind hole wedge, blind hole guide shoe and R28 Honing Stones. The remaining mandrel groups have a tip, which extends slightly beyond the front end of the stone and guide shoes. For all blind hole work this tip must be cut off, as illustrated. Mandrels, which have been altered in this manner, can still be used for honing open holes using a full length stone and guide shoes.

The most important thing to remember in fixturing blind-hole parts for power stroking is that the stroke must be longer than the travel of the stone. This sounds incongruous at first, but is accomplished by using a spring in your fixturing . . . the spring permits the stroker arm to continue moving for a short distance after the mandrel has bottomed out in the bore. During this period, the bottom of the bore receives extra honing, called "dwell".

It is necessary to dwell in order to minimize the tightness that results from the inability to overstroke the part at the blind end.

Illustrated on this page is one method of fixturing a blind-hole part . . . note especially the spring, which is the one element that must always be present for successful blind-hole honing.
9. Long parts to be honed on one end . . .

Long parts which have a short land to be honed on one end must be supported so they don’t sag or whip.

The fixtures illustrated on this page are designed to clamp onto one of the rods on the KKN-600 Finger Fixture. A rod can be inserted into the clamp on the bottom of the stroking arm if the KKN-600 is not used.

The Enclosed Fixture is recommended for production honing, or for high-speed honing where there is a chance for the part to whip.

The Open Fixture is more versatile, accommodating many different ODs. It is very handy to have around a tool room, or wherever short runs of various parts is the rule.

Dimensions on the drawings are for typical fixtures; vary as needed to suit your particular job.
10. Parts which appear to have no easy way to hold them . . .

Sometimes you run across a part which cannot be held by any of the preceding methods. The reasons could be varied. In the case illustrated here, the bevel gear to be honed seems to defy any attempt to hold it. Cutting both ends out of an empty tuna fish can and using it as a mold to make a fixture with Devcon Plastic Steel solved this particular fixturing problem. A rod was inserted through a slot in the side of the can and into the fixture before it hardened . . . the rod to be used to keep the part from turning during honing.

With parts in this category, use your imagination. Just remember that, no matter how odd it looks, there's probably some way to hold it. If you need some ideas, call your nearby Sunnen Man in . . . he'll be happy to help.

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On light honing operations, end thrust from stroking can be absorbed with a KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture and KKN-720A Fingers (see Category 6).

11. Parts to be externally honed . . .

Hold the workpiece in an adapter chuck (available from Sunnen) and use the KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture to stroke the Sunnen External Hone. Four KKN-723A Plain Fingers without carbide pads are included with the KKN-700 for use with the External Hone.
KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture: Accommodates almost any workpiece or fixture you'll ever have. Easily and quickly installed or removed. Takes the thrust on forward and backstrokes. Includes two pairs of fingers with longwearing, adjustable carbide pads, and two pairs of driving fingers for use with external hones.

KKN-600 Adjustable Finger Fixture: Accommodates most parts; especially useful on small workpieces. Easily and quickly installed or removed. Used in conjunction with KKN-720A Fingers. Includes longwearing, adjustable carbide pads on fingers, two pairs of support rods, and clamp.

FacePlates: Use a face plates on parts whose bore must be kept square to the face. Select correct faceplate from table below. OD of workpiece should be larger than OD of faceplate, and ID of workpiece must be smaller than ID of faceplate. (See Table below.)

KKN-720A Fingers: For fast, economical setups. Long-wearing, adjustable carbide pads. Quick, easy to use. Mount on Stroker Arm. Also used as replacement part for KKN-700. Two per set. Consists of fingers, pads, attaching screws and washers.

KKN-723A Finger Set: For external honing, included with KKN-700 Universal Honing Fixture. KKN-723A Finger Set includes four fingers without carbide pads, and four screws.

Loop-Grip Workholder: Especially useful for hard-to-hold parts such as thinwall tubes, glass barrels, small parts with smooth surfaces, and parts with sharp projections such as gears and milling cutters. Uses emery cloth to hold part securely without distortion. Parts can be inserted and removed easily. Each fixture handles. (See Table below.)
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