Parametric Optimization of Micro Drilling using Machine Vision Technique Combined with Taguchi Method

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Abstract

The objective of this study is to optimize the micro drilling of PMMA (Polymethyl

methacrylate) polymer with multiple performance characteristics. In Taguchi method, a three level

orthogonal array has been used to determine the S/N ratio. Analysis of variance was used to determine

the most significant process parameters affecting the holes roughness. Coated deposition, spindle

speed and feed rate are optimized drilling parameters when the performance characteristics, which

include tool life and surface roughness, are taken into consideration. The results indicated that the

TiAlN-coating drills generate least wear and best holes quality. Finally, confirmation experiments

were conducted to confirm the validity of the results.

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