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I would like to dedicate my work on this textbook in loving memory of my grandfather, Edgar L. Crandell. I also dedicate my work to my parents Gale and Beverly Crandell. It was these three individuals who taught me to work hard to complete a task and to do it to the best of my ability. I thank them for their time and patience during my upbringing.

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PREFACE

An Introduction to CNC Machining and Programming is the essentially practical activity of preparing computer numerical control (CNC) part programs for turning, milling, and drilling. It has value to students in a wide range of courses, from introductory and calculations of all forms, tooling for CNC programming in a major or related course in a college, university, or technical school.

The preparation and proving of CNC part programs on machinery and computer installations in order to produce parts of experience. Using such equipment, and understanding the languages and techniques, requires instruction by a competent instructor. Students undertaking CNC programming will therefore find it necessary to attend a college or training center. The student must have a good basic machining techniques, and should identify the basic turning, milling, and drilling operations. In addition, the mental requirements have been borne in mind.

CNC part programming is an absorbing and challenging one of the few areas of study where students learn too quickly! Thus a primary objective of this text is that course time can be used to the best advantage, and students devote as much time as possible to preparing and proving their equipment. Accordingly, an attempt has been made to provide information to support the more practical elements of study, rather than on formal lectures and unnecessary note taking. The student with the opportunity to study specifically is encouraged.

This text is essentially practical in nature and is intended as material for course work. It contains a series of exercises for the student with a practical understanding of CNC programming by various means. Throughout the text, detailed drawings of components in inch and metric are included to complement the text, may also be used in the early stages of a course. An additional objective is to include degrees of complexity and intended for later study.

It is the author's experience that many readers

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for retraining, also many younger students, are hampered in their programming work by never being taught how to apply their calculation skills in algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. It is generally outside the scope of a course of study devoted to part programming to spend much time rectifying this state of affairs, and yet it cannot be ignored. To assist both instructors and students there is a chapter devoted entirely to the type of calculations that will be encountered when preparing part programs manually; it is hoped that the completion of this material, supported by on-the-spot tutoring by faculty, will be of value.

This text will be of on going value to students, faculty, and industrial programmers alike.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO OF COMPUTER NUMERICAL

DEFINITION OF NUMERICAL

Numerical control (NC) is the term used to describe the control of machine movements and various other functions by means of numerical data. The program numbers and initiated via an electronic control system.

Computerized numerical control (CNC) is a system that utilizes an internal computer. The internal computer performs the following: storage of additional programs, program control, machine and control diagnosis, metric-incremental/absolute switchability.

The two systems are shown diagrammatically. The CNC system may be free-standing or built into the main structure of the operating panel of an integrated control unit is

THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTER

Computer numerical control is applied to a wide variety of processes such as metal cutting, woodworking, wire EDM, forming, sheet metal punching, water jet cutting, grinding and laser cutting. The text that follows describes the common machine-shop engineering processes such as turning, drilling, where it has been particularly successful.

THE ADVANTAGES OF COMPUTER

Computer numerical control is economical for both single-item production. Many factors contribute to its success, the most important of these being as follows:

- (a) high productivity rates
- (b) uniformity of the product
- (c) reduced component rejection

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