TEAM 271 MACHINE MAINTENANCE

Tormach 24R CNC Router

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Before maintenance: E-stop, exit PathPilot, Main Disconnect off, air off, lock out the disconnect and air line. The machine can start at any time. ANSI Z87+ eye protection. Gloves for swarf only, machine stopped.

	Task	Notes	Date Last Serviced	Serviced By	Next Service Date
Each day used	Clear dust and swarf from the machine with a vacuum and brushes.	No compressed air. Brush or scraper, never bare hands.	No date needed		
	Wipe the linear rails and X and Z ball screws with a clean, lint-free cloth.	Check the Y screw with a flashlight. Then power on, reference, Z up, jog full travel.			
	Inspect cutting tools, holders, spindle taper, collet nuts and collets for chips, wear and buildup.	Nut and collet again at each tool change. Son of ColletCare on a swab, spindle stopped.			
	Inspect the ATC rack and ETS; clean if needed.	Forks level, no cracks. ETS pad clean.			
	Check and refill the Kool Mist.	Eye protection on.			
	Put rust inhibitor on exposed, non-lubricated, non-painted metal surfaces.	LPS 3, machine off. Not on screws, rails, tapers, collets, holders or the ETS pad.			
Weekly	Clean the exterior with a mild cleaner; check rails and screws show a thin grease film.				
	Inspect the dust collection hose, collector and dust shoe for blockages; empty the bin.	Never mix aluminum chips with wood dust.			
	Check the chiller's water level, vents and flow in the clear line.	Distilled water only.			
	Check the air filter-regulator: 90 to 120 psi, air tool oil, drain the water bowl.	Air back on before the spindle runs.			
Monthly	Clean dust from outside the cabinet vents with a clean cloth or vacuum.	Cabinet stays locked; keys with a mentor.			
	Inspect the spindle's ISO20 taper and the holder tapers for wear, damage or dust.	Son of ColletCare on a swab, spindle stopped.			
	Test the E-stop, limit switches, and that the spindle stops with the chiller off.	If one fails, tag the machine out and tell a mentor.			
	Back up PathPilot to USB (ADMIN SETTINGS BACKUP in MDI).	Include G-code and tool table. Check the files on another computer.			
Quarterly	Chiller off (mentor): drain, clean the filter, refill, bleed the air, check for flow and leaks.	Distilled water. Never run it dry. Replace lines if stiff or cracked.			
	Lubricate the ball screws at the three remote ports (mentor).	Amount: _____ per Tormach. Hiwin G05 or Mobilux EP 2 (NLGI No. 2). Max 30 bar. No graphite or MoS2.			
Semi-annually	Lubricate the linear blocks (mentor).	0.3 cm^3 per block. Hiwin G05 or Mobilux EP 2 (NLGI No. 2). Max 30 bar. No graphite or MoS2.			
	Lubricate the axis motor couplers (mentor): block the Z head first, one motor at a time.	Synthetic silicone grease, not multi-purpose. Small amount on the bushing faces.			
	Check level, spindle tram, drag chains, cables, and air and water lines (mentor).	Also after any crash.			
Long break	Before 2 weeks or more idle: clean, LPS 3, back up, fresh chiller water, chiller off.	Protect the chiller if the room can drop below 36 F.			

Problems found (dry-erase): tag the machine out and tell a mentor.

Procedures: Tormach 24R Operator's Manual UM10564 (0826A), chapter 10, and the CW-3000 chiller manual. The ATC, ETS, Kool Mist, air and test rows are the team's. Too much grease or pressure can damage the machine.