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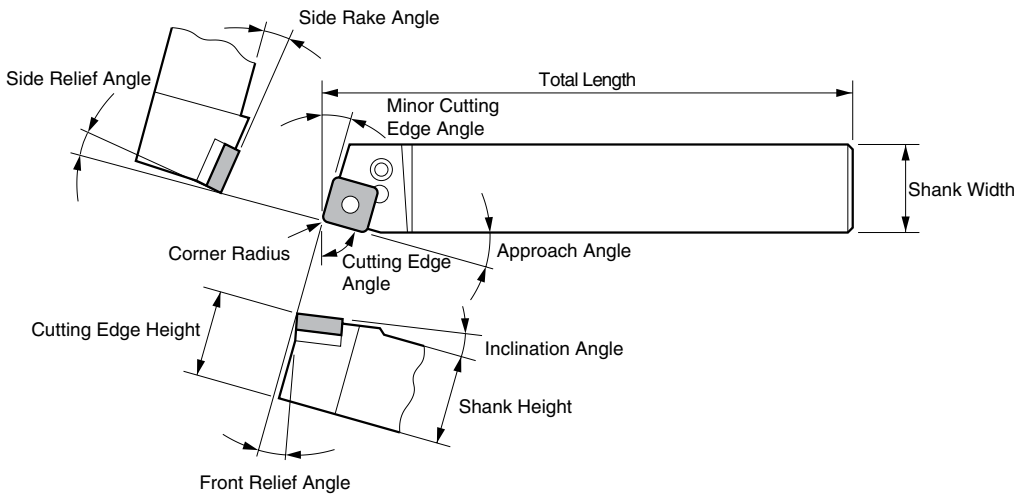
Terms and Angles of Turning Toolholder



Function of Tool Angles

Tool Angle	Name	Function	Effect
Rake Angle	Side Rake Angle	• Affects cutting force, cutting heat, chip evacuation and tool life.	• If it is positive (+) angle, sharper cutting performance is obtained. (less cutting resistance, less edge strength) • Positive (+) angle is recommended for easy to machine workpieces or thin workpieces. • Smaller rake angle or negative (-) angle is recommended when a stronger edge is required like scale cutting or interrupted cutting.
	Inclination Angle		
Relief Angle	Front Relief Angle Side Relief Angle	• Prevents the tool's contact to the workpiece surface, except the cutting edge.	• When it is small, the cutting edge becomes strong, but the wear at relief faces may shorten the tool life.
Cutting Edge Angle	Cutting Edge Angle	• Affects chip control and the direction of cutting force.	• When it is large, chip thickness becomes thick and chip control improves.
	Approach Angle	• Affects chip control and the direction of cutting force.	• When it is large, chip thickness becomes thin and chip control worsens, but cutting force is dispersed and edge strength improves. • When it is small, chip control ability improves.
	Minor Cutting Edge Angle	• Prevents friction between cutting edge and work surface.	• When it is large, edge strength deteriorates.

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