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## Replaying

Before you can fully understand what the various machining options allow you to do, you must first be familiar with replaying your tool paths. Replaying, as you might guess, is the most important part of verifying whether the tool is accurately cutting the part, as well as viewing to insure the correctness of the program overall.

**Open A Replay from the** *Replay* **folder.** This machining process already had machining operations applied to it. The various machining operations will allow you to get familiar with replaying your machining processes.



Machining operations can have two states to them. One state is to have the tool paths computed. In this state, the tool paths are available for the machining operation, and can be replayed instantly. When the tool paths are computed, a *(Computed)* text will appear next to the operation, and an additional branch will show up below the machining operation.



Since none of the machining operations have this extra branch and the *(Computed)* text, the tool paths are not present. The first step before replaying will be to compute the tool paths. Computing the tool paths can be done a number of different ways.

With the third mouse button, select on *Facing.1* from the tree. Select *Facing.1 object* from the bottom of the contextual list. This will display the object properties for the facing operation. The last four options are ones that are most important to us while replaying.



Select *Compute Tool Path*. This will display the *Computation* window that asks if you want to compute if necessary or force the computation.

Select *Computation if necessary*, then select *OK*. Since the tool paths were not computed, they will automatically compute. An information window displays the number of tool paths computed.

Select OK to the Manufacturing Information window. Now the tool path has been computed.



You can also compute the tool paths by replaying the operation.

With the third mouse button, select on *Profile Contouring.1* from the tree. Select the *Profile Contouring.1 object* from the bottom of the contextual list. Select *Tool Path Replay.* The *Tool Path Computation* window will show while the tool path is computed. This will display the tool paths on the screen, as well as show the *Replay* window.



## Select *OK* to the window.

Computing the tool paths one at a time can become rather trying, especially when you have a lot of machining operations. Fortunately, you can also compute the tool paths by Manufacturing Program.

With the third mouse button, select on *Manufacturing Program.1* from the tree, then select on the *Manufacturing Program.1 object.* Here there will be a number of new options, however, you will still find the ability to compute, remove, and replay the tool paths.

Select Compute Tool Path. This will display the Computation window again.

**Select** *OK.* Since the option for *Computation if necessary* is checked by default, you do not need to re-select it. The first two tool paths have already been computed, hence they will not get re-computed in this case. If you had selected on *Forced computation*, the first two tool paths would get re-computed.

This will now go through and compute the remainder of the tool paths. For long programs this may take some time. Once done, the *Manufacturing Information* window will display indicating the number of tool paths computed.

With no machining operations selected, select the tool path replay icon from the tool bar, then select *Pocketing.8.* Notice the tool paths immediately show up. Since the tool paths were already computed, there is no delay for tool path computation.

## Select *OK* to the window.

Now it is time to investigate the replay window a bit closer.

**Select the tool path replay icon, then select the** *Facing.1* **machining operation.** The replay window is shown.



## *Tool Animation* This frame houses the player controls. The controls work similar to VCR controls.





III – Pause	Pauses the tool path replay
F7 – Play Forwards	Plays the tool path forwards
F8 – F8 – Skip to End	Jumps the tool path to the end
– Speed	Allows you to speed up or slow down the tool path animation replay. <i>Note: In Prismatic Machining, many</i> of the tool paths run fast, and cannot be slowed down.

Feedrate =1143mm\_mn X=7.2in Y=15.645in Z=4in I=0 J=0 K=1 Machining time = 37mn 52s Total time = 40mn 53s

*Information block* This area of the window gives information about the various aspects of the tool and the replay motion.

Feedrate	Indicates the feedrate at any given point for the motion
X=Y=Z=	Displays the current X, Y, and Z location of the tool
I = J = K =	Denotes the I, J, and K components of the tool axis
Machining Time	Indicates the time that the tool is cutting
Total Time	This is the overall time of the process. This time is an addition of the machining time, as well as any air time that the tool makes.

*Replay Mode* Controls how the tool paths are replayed. There are five different choices for the replay mode.



The tool will replay from the current position and will not stop until it reaches **the end** of the operation

The speed control does come in useful when working

with Surface Machining operations.

The tool stops each time it moves to a different axial location. This option is best suited to allow you to visually inspect each axial pass of the tool.

Continuous

Plane by plane

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