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Some advantages of microlubrication (MQL)

Preamble

The advantages due to the installation of a microlubrication system depend on the context:

- · replacement of an existing system
- replacement of a common lubrication system
- installation of a system on a machine which is not equipped with a lubrication system

They depend also on the process.

- Machining operations
- cutting and stamping operations
- assembly operations
- lubrication of mechanic elements
- dosing

ACOVAL systems have some specific features.

Benefits for machining operations

Compared with the common lubrication, the microlubrication usually brings:

- an important reduction of the cost of lubricants
- an improvement of the life expectancy of tools
- a better state of surface
- an improvement of the environment with:
 - cleaner objects
 - cleaner workshops
 - cleaner chips
 - o the elimination of soluble oils and their risks for the health

However, the installation of a system requires a **study**. Sometimes, the common lubrication must be used.

Benefits for cutting and stamping operations

An adapted microlubrication unit allows to save lubricant due to:

- the delivery of accurate and reliable quantities of lubricant
- the lubrication of the strategic points

The objects, the machines and the workshops are cleaner. An adapted microlubrication system allows to use a wide range of lubricant.

Benefits for assembly operations

The quality and the productivity are improved. The accurate and reliable delivery or lubricants reduces the cost.

Benefits for other fields

The advantages depends on the application: the study determines if a microlubrication system is adapted to the process and its configuration.