



Applications

Indexing mechanisms can be used to adjust shafts or spindles by an angle of rotation of 6° (or a multiple thereof) and subsequently secure them against rotation by engaging in a serration.

Description

The indexing mechanism is a self-contained unit with all adjustment and securing elements accommodated in the smallest possible space. It consists of three main parts:

- The **bushing** is connected to the shaft with a parallel key/keyway or crossdowel.
- The **location ring** is fixed; it is mounted on the bushing and connected to the machine by 3 countersunk screws (e.g. DIN 7991-M5).
- The **knurled hub** connects the fixed location ring and the shaft which can be adjusted.

When locked, the internal tooting of the knurled hub (60 teeth) simultaneously engages with the external tooting of both the fixed location ring and the bushing connected to the shaft. To adjust the shaft, the knurled hub is pulled against spring pressure, disengaging from the location ring. The knurled hub however remains positively connected with the shaft via the external tooting of the bushing. By turning the knurled hub the shaft can now be adjusted.

More information

With 60 teeth, the following divisions can be achieved: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 30.

A simple method provides indexing of the shaft to a limited number of positions only, i.e. every 120° . For this purpose, the location ring is provided with a dowel pin that allows engagement in the serration only if it meets a counterbore in the knurled hub. This counterbore can be manufactured oversize as the dowel is for rough positioning only. Accurate positioning and load capacity is maintained via the engaged teeth.

For adjustment with a threaded spindle, it is recommended to assign the the 1.5 mm thread pitch to the standard scale with 60 graduation marks (Type AS): 1 graduation = 0.025 mm.

The serration ensures more accurate and wear-free indexing than individual dowel pins.

If a very high torque has to be overcome during adjustment, unlocking and locking is more difficult due to the low backlash respectively the friction in the tooth flanks. In this case, it is recommended to use indexing levers GN 215.

