

# What's New in SolidCAM 2020



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**ADVANCED MILL-TURN & SWISS-TYPE SOLUTIONS**

iMachining 2D & 3D | 2.5D Mill | AFRM | HSS | 3D HSR/HSM | Indexial Multi-Sided | Sim. 5X | Turning | Advanced **MILLTURN** | Solid Probe

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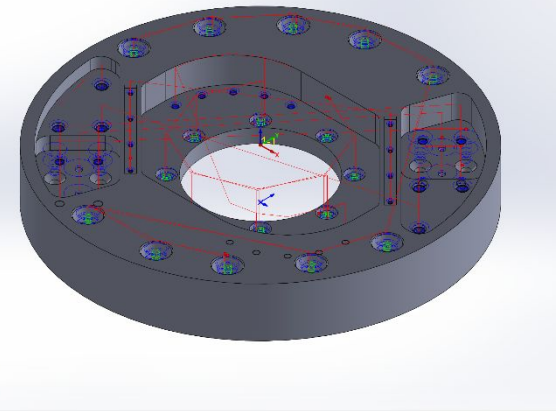
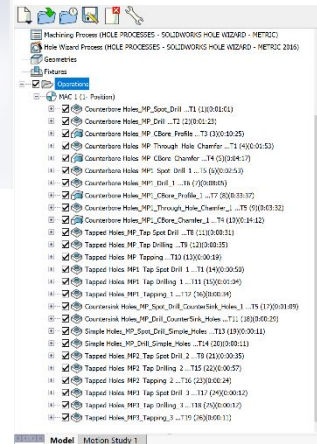
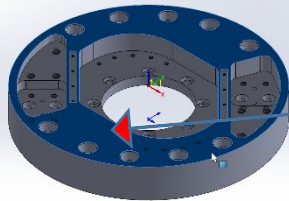
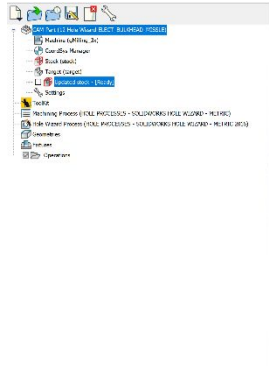
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## 2.5D Milling

# Hole Wizard Process – Drag to Surface

- Finds all holes, perpendicular to the surface, that are created with the Hole Wizard and automatically adds operations for the holes



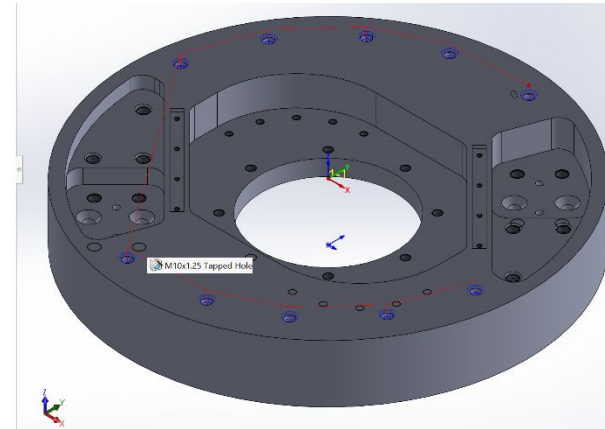
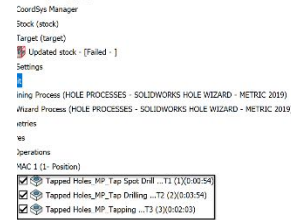
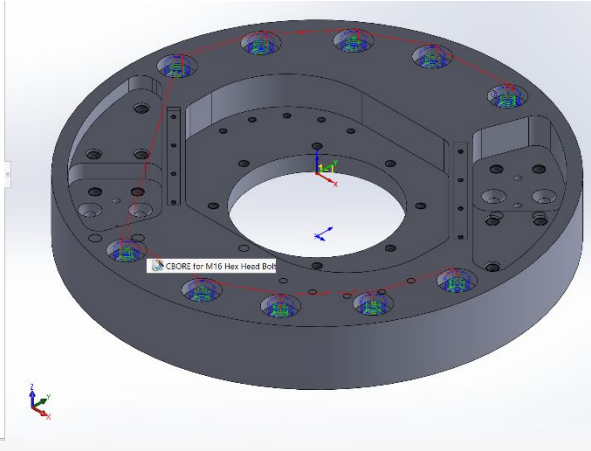
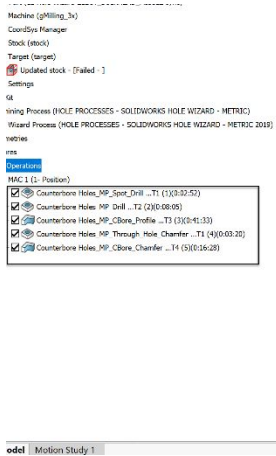
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# Full Synchronization in Hole Wizard Process

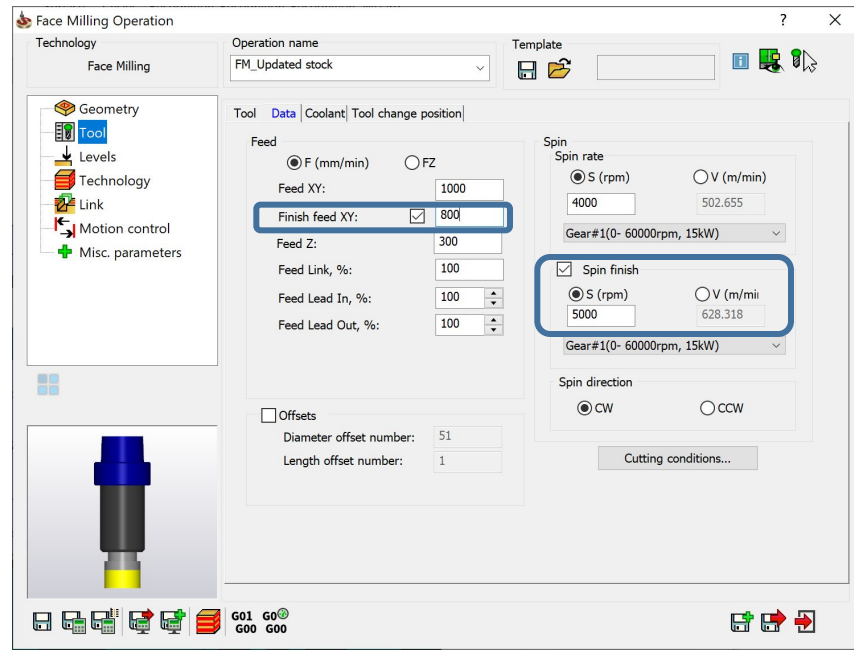
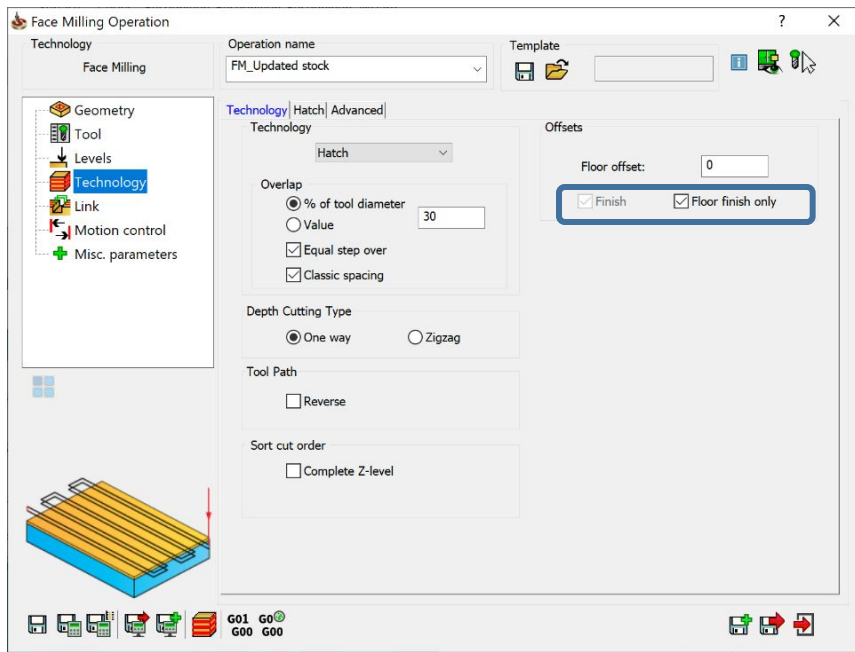
- Changing hole type or size will automatically change the tools and update the operations



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# Face Milling Operation – Floor Finish Only

- You can now use *Floor finish only* to apply tool path only on the finish level
- Uses the Spin and Feed rates defined for Finish



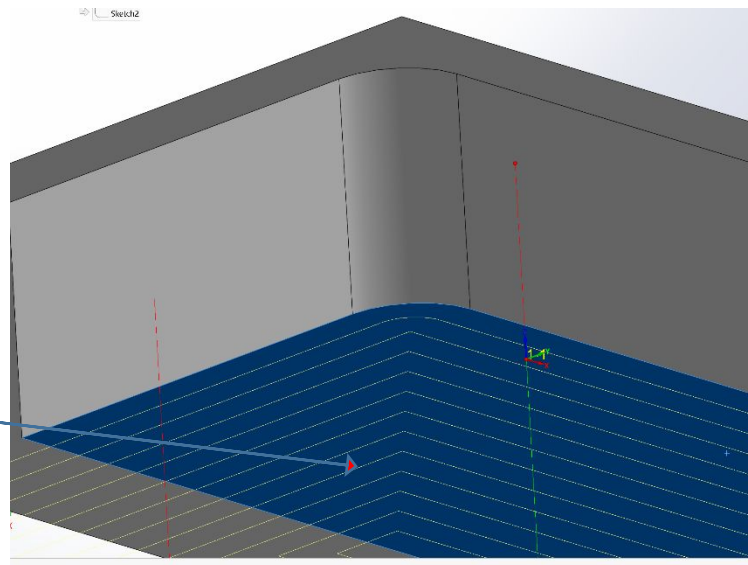
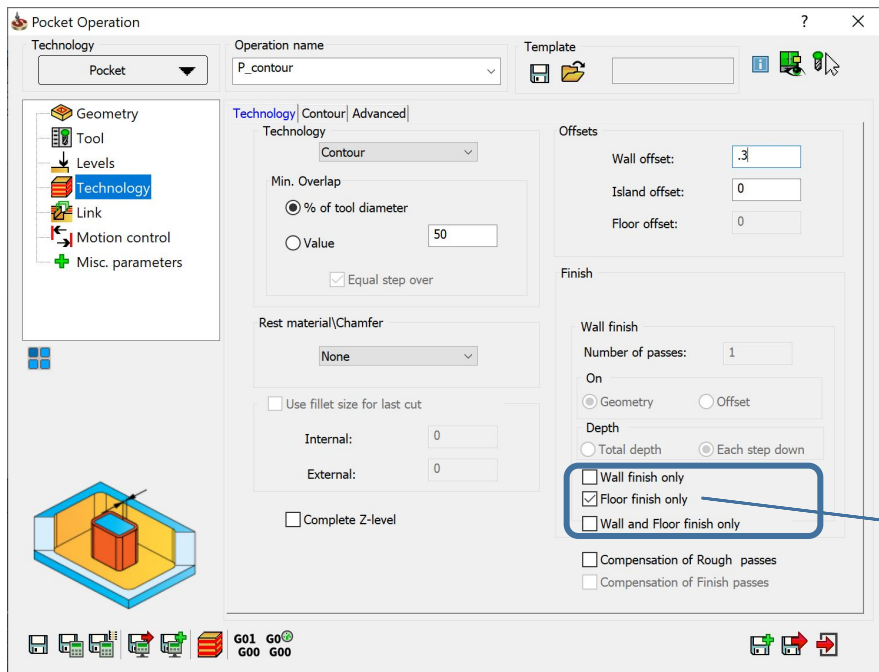
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# Pocket Operation – Floor Finish Only

- You can now apply a *Floor finish only* that will go up to the wall offset



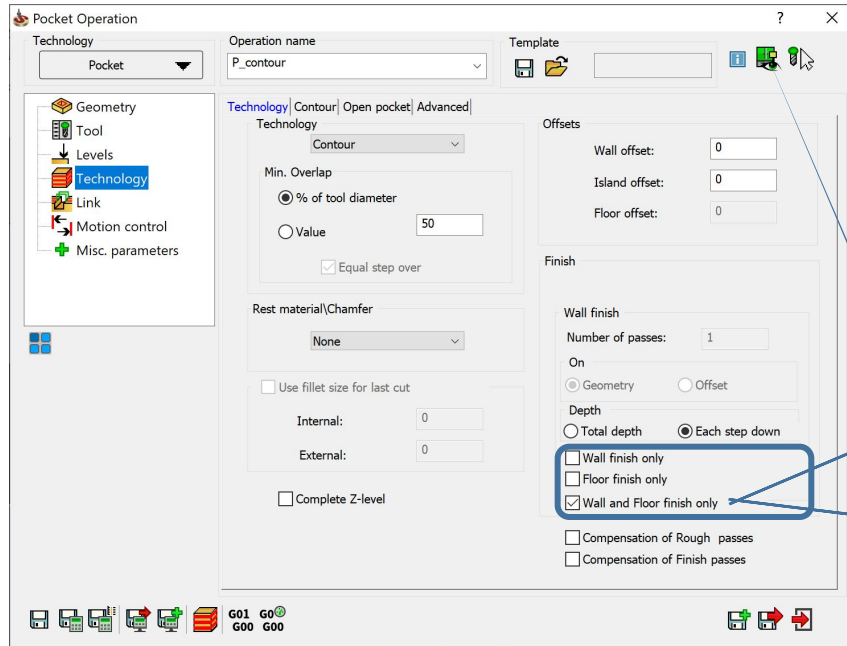
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# Pocket Operation – Wall and Floor Finish Only

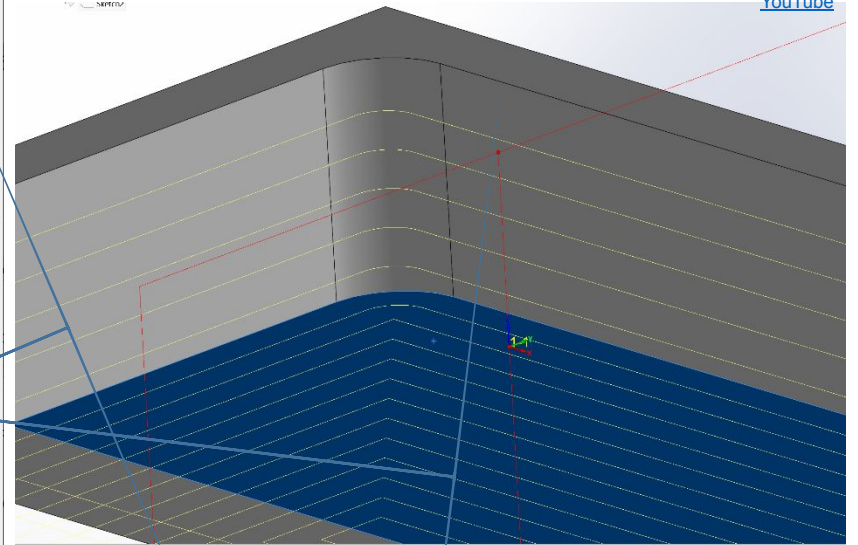
- You can now apply a **Wall and Floor finish only** that will go up to the wall offset on the floor, and then finish the wall with the defined step down



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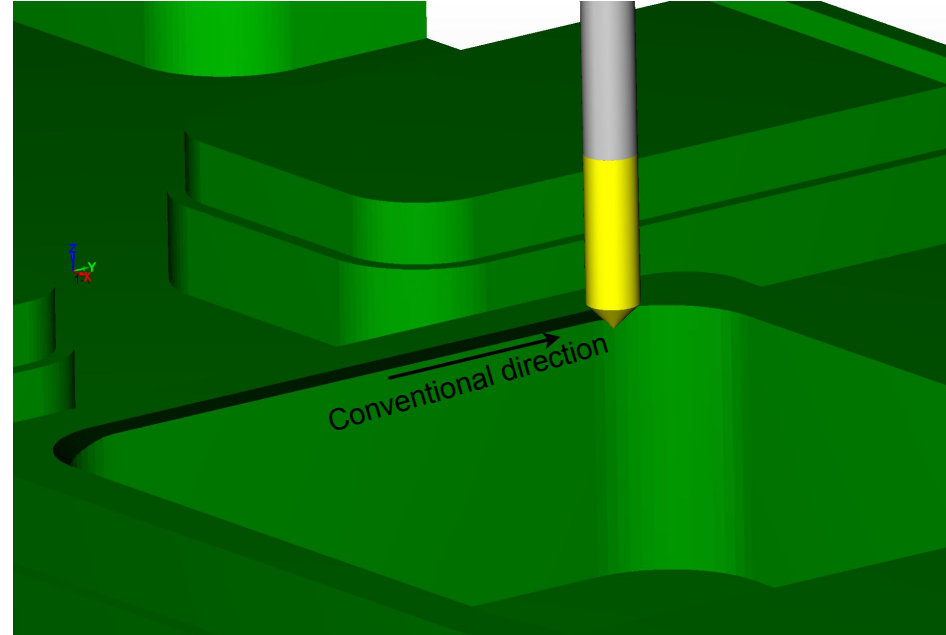
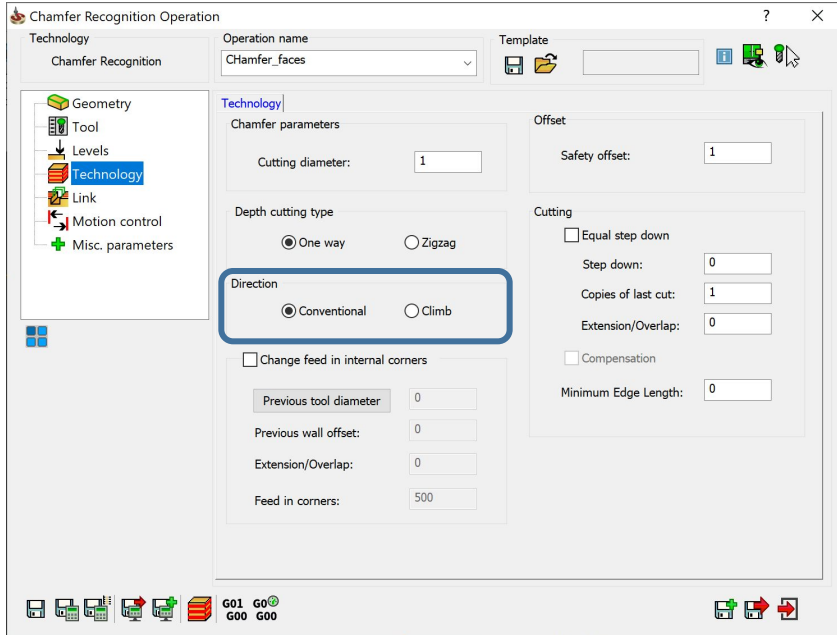


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# Chamfer Recognition – Conventional Direction Enabled

- You now have the option of *Conventional* cutting direction



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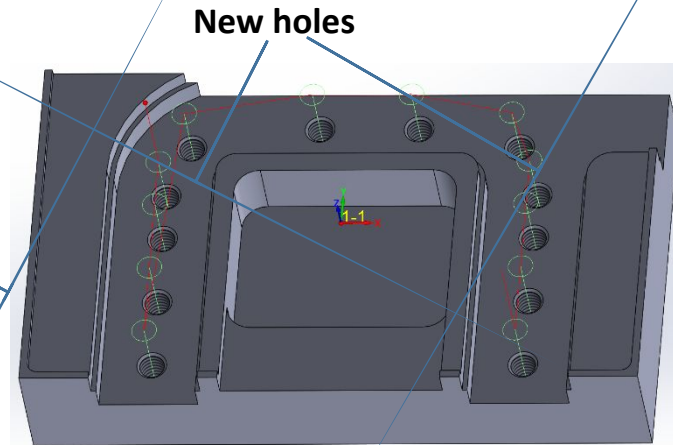
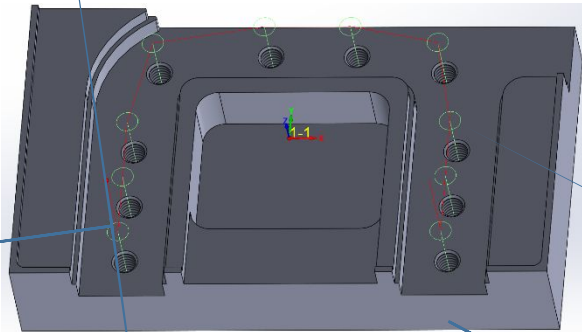
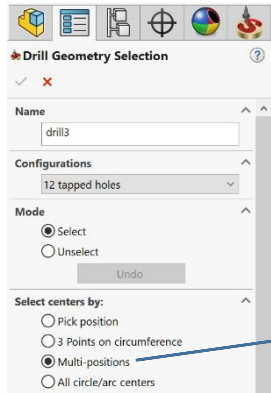


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# Drill Geometry – Improved Synchronization with Multi-positions

- Adding or removing holes from a face will now be recognized on synchronization, when using *Multi-positions* to choose the drilling geometry



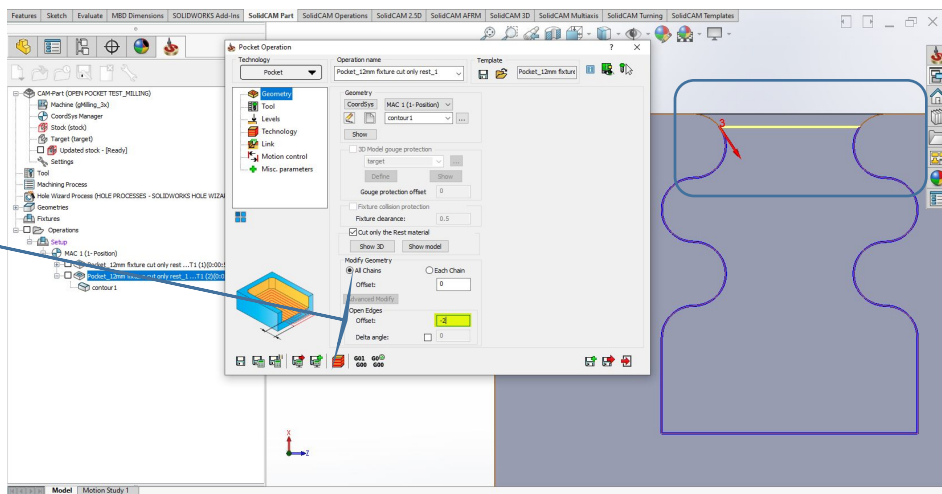
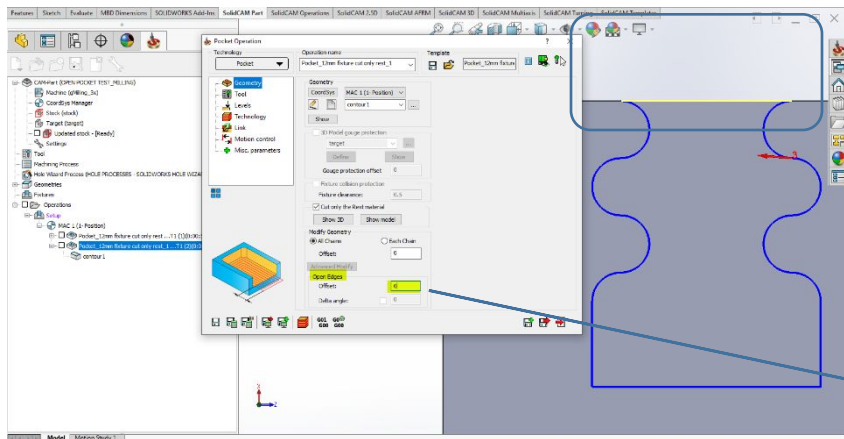
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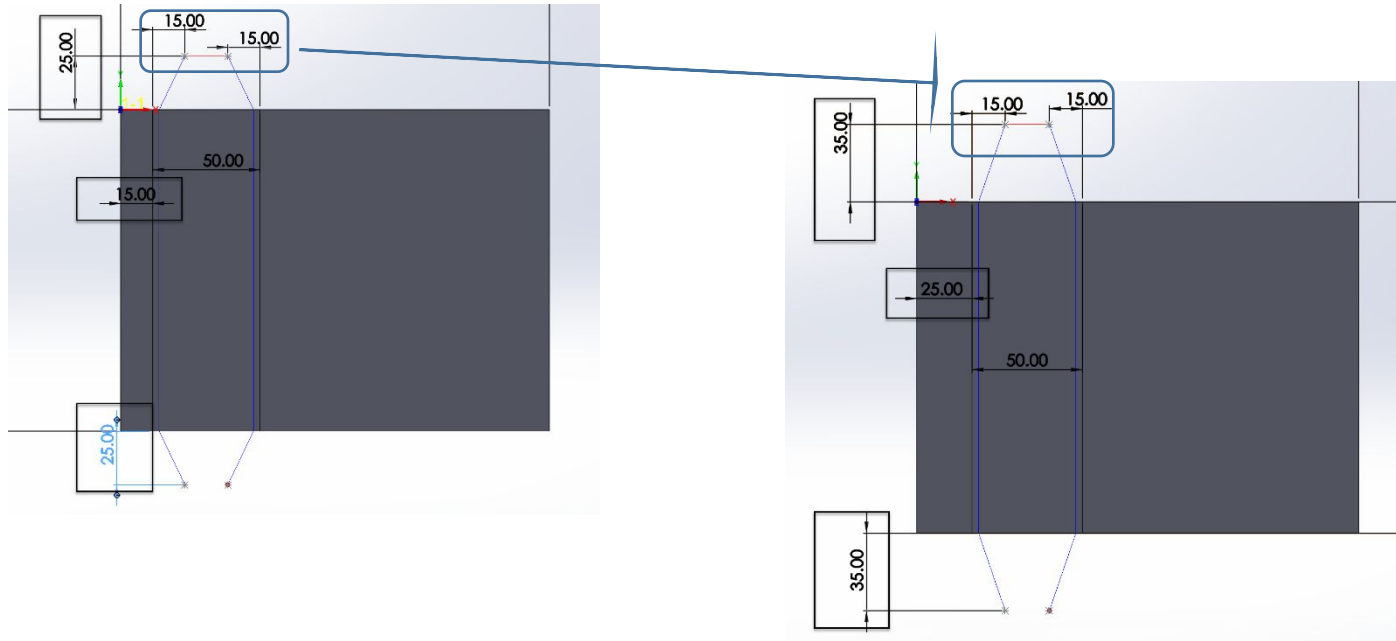
# Pocket Operation – Open Edge Negative Offset

- **Modify Geometry** now supports negative offset values on open edges
- **Very helpful** when trying to avoid objects near the open edge



# Profile Operation – Synchronized Link by Points

- Lead in/out with points are now fully associative
- The points will synchronize and update the tool path if location is changed



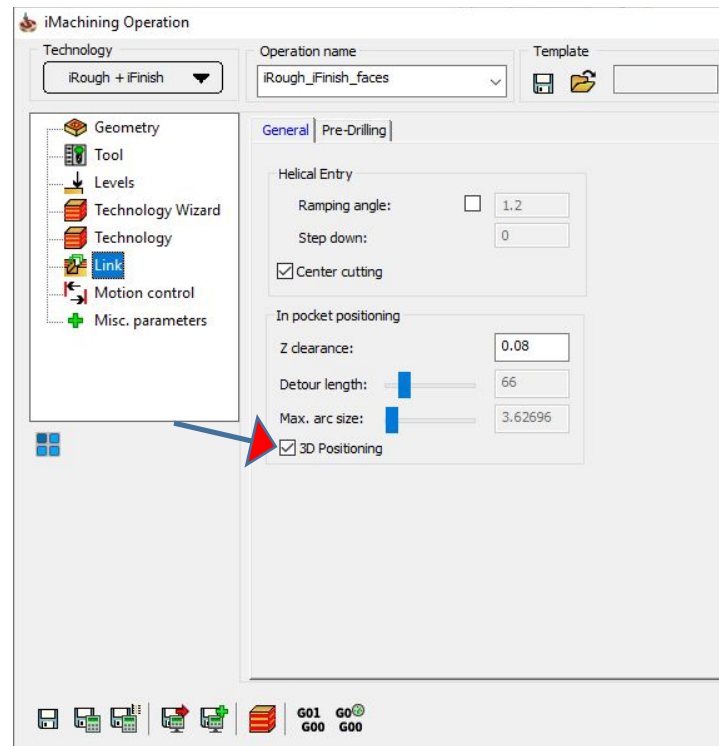
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## iMachining

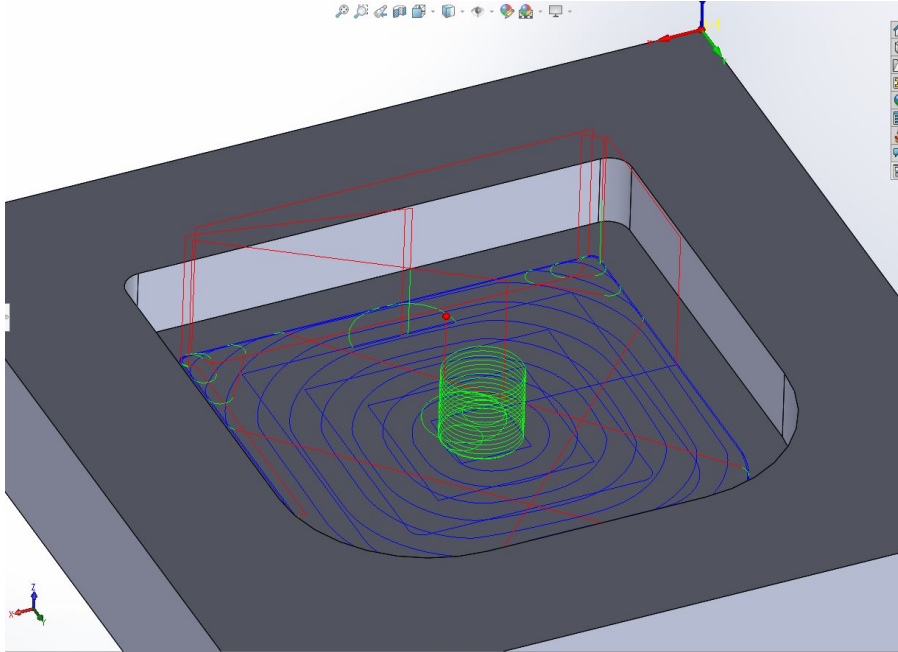
# 3D Positioning in iMachining 2D

- iMachining 2D can now perform 3D in-pocket positioning like iMachining 3D
- Made possible by using the Stock model that is dynamically updated by each cutting move
- Smart positioning greatly reduces retracts and further optimizes iMachining 2D tool path
- 3D Positioning status:
  - On (by default) for newly added operations
  - Off for all existing operations

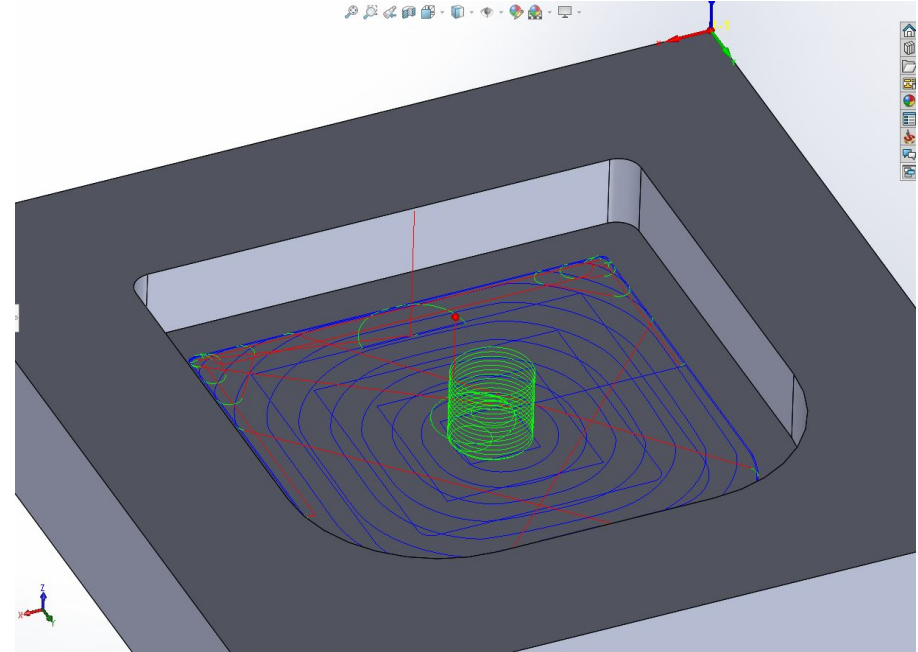
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# 3D Positioning Comparison – Tool Path Results



**3D Positioning Off**



**3D Positioning On**

# Machine Database from VMID and Station Data

- iMachining Database now offers new Machines category - Defined By VMID
- Add new machines with values based on those defined in VMID
- Default Machine Database values set to 100% of VMID values
- Option to create “Global Machine” that can quickly and easily be used with any CNC-Machine selection

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Parameter	Value	Units
Spindle speed max	100.00	%
Feed rate max	100.00	%
Reposition feed rate XY	100.00	%
Reposition feed rate Z	100.00	%
Spindle power max	100.00	%
Efficiency	100.00	%
ACP tolerance	20.00	%
Machining level	3	Integer

# User-defined Arc Fitting Tolerance

• iMachining tool path minimizes arcs according to a small arc fitting tolerance by default, resulting in many points but very precise engagement angles

- You can now modify the default tolerance with a preferred, larger tolerance
  - Useful for limited memory machines
- Defining larger than default tolerance will:
  - Decrease length of GCode (pro)
  - Decrease accuracy of engagement angles (con)

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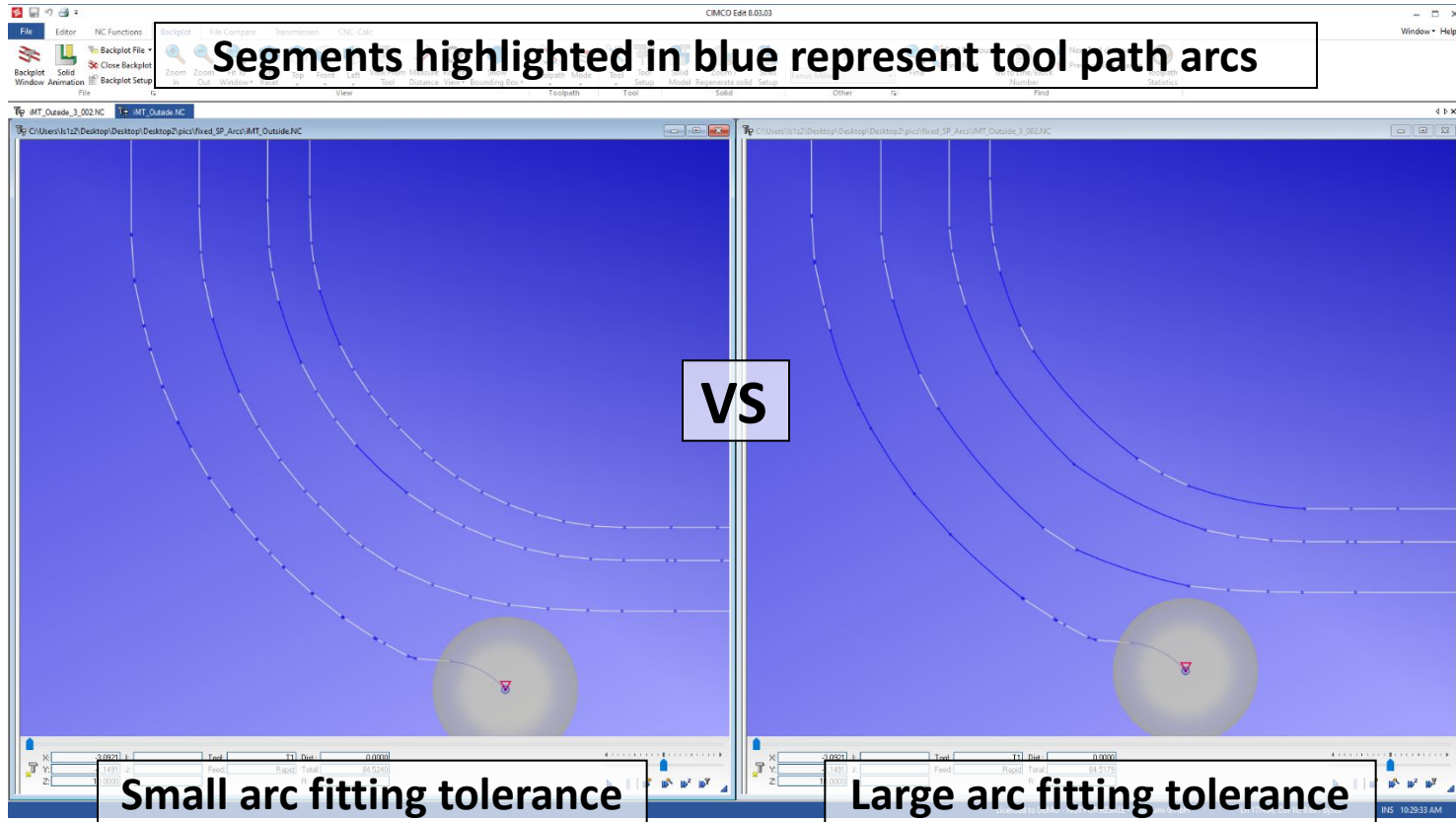
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The screenshot shows the 'iMachining Operation' window. The 'Technology' dropdown is set to 'iRough + iFinish'. The 'Operation name' is 'iRough\_Finish\_faces'. The 'Technology wizard' is set to 'Advanced'. The 'Fit arcs' checkbox is checked, with 'Cutting angle tolerance' set to 5 and 'Tolerance: (Beta)' set to 0.012. The 'In process simulation' section has 'Show tool path during calculation' unchecked. The 'Extra parameters' section has 'Flyout Window' unchecked. A table lists parameters:

Name	Type	Value	Description
bStopM00	Logical	No	bStopM00
sStopMessage	String		sStopMessage
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nG187_E	Numeric	0.000	nG187_E



# Arc Fitting Tolerance Comparison – GCode Results



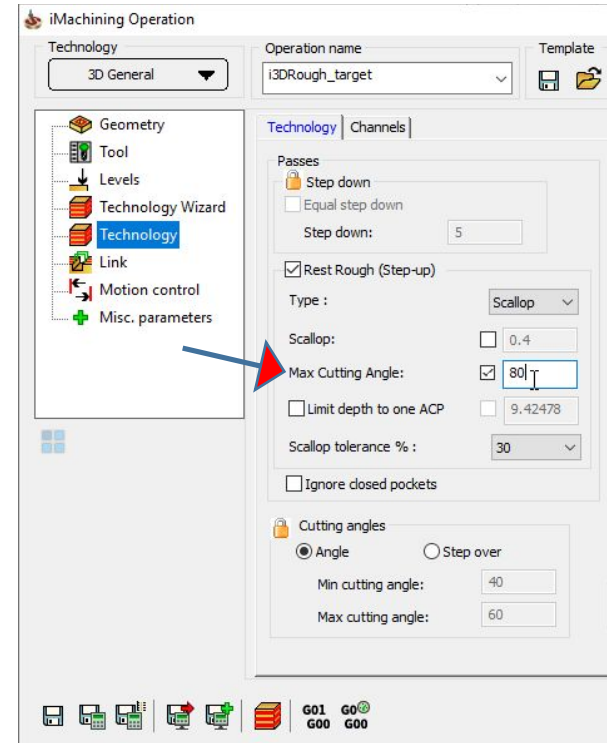
# User-defined Max Cutting Angle Step-up in iMachining 3D

- With each higher Step-up, iMachining automatically increases the Cutting Angle as the axial depth of cut gets smaller
- Max Cutting Angle now visible on Technology page
- Default Max Cutting Angle values for Step-up are:
  - 80° for soft materials
  - 45° for hard materials
- Max Cutting Angle option lets you override the default values

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## HSR/HSM

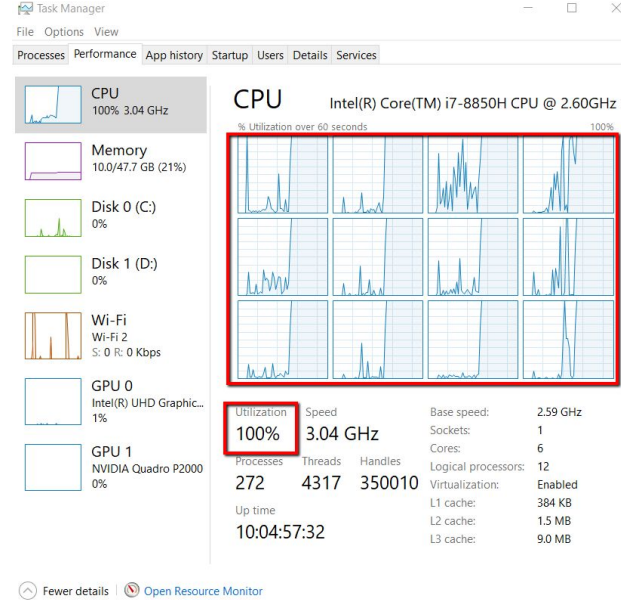
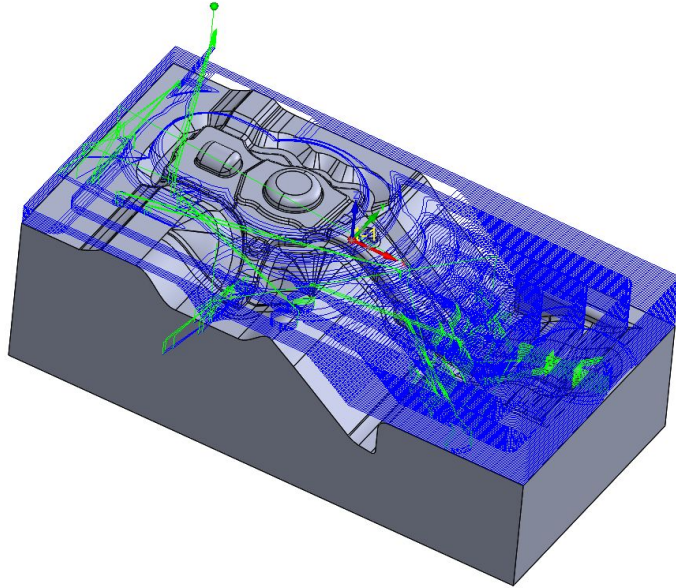
# New Operation – Turbo 3D HSR

- **New Roughing Tool Path Engine**
- **True 64-bit, Multicore Support**
- **Multi Surface Offset Capability**
- **Hatch, Contour & Rest Roughing**
- **Stock Model Definition Including Undercut Stock**
- **Collision Check Against Fixtures**
- **Pre-Drill Holes Definition for Entry**
- **Dynamic Holder Collision Checking**
- **Feed Control Zone Definition for Variable Feeds**
- **Variable Depth of Cuts**
- **Arc Fitting for Reduction in GCodes**

TR Hatch  
TR Contour  
TR Rest

HM Roughing  
Contour roughing  
Hatch roughing  
Hybrid Rib roughing  
Rest roughing

# Turbo 3D HSR – Multicore Support

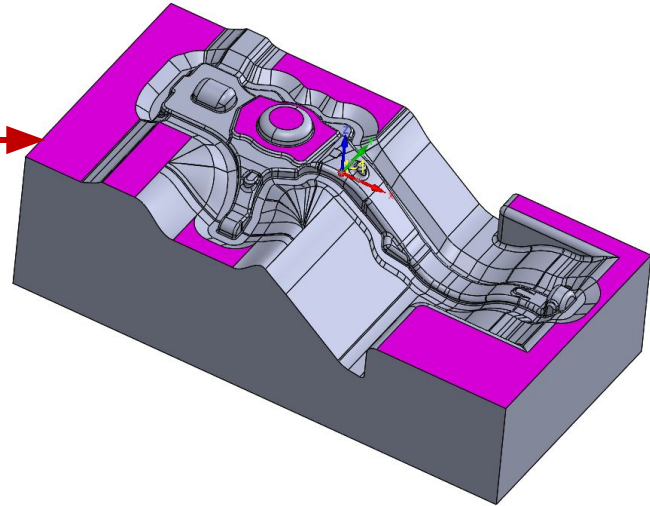


- 64-bit calculation engine – multicore support
- Speed of calculation increases as the # of cores increase
- Tool path caching = even faster recalculation

# Turbo 3D HSR – Multiple Surface Offset

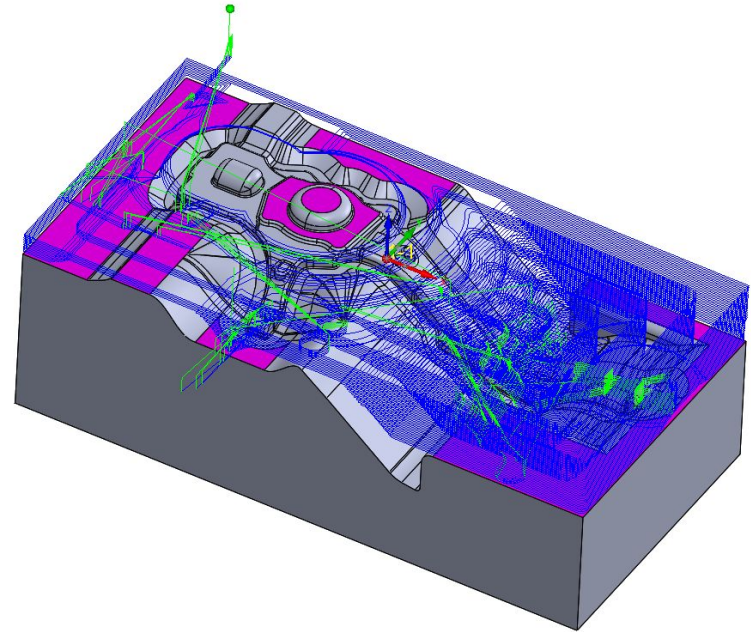
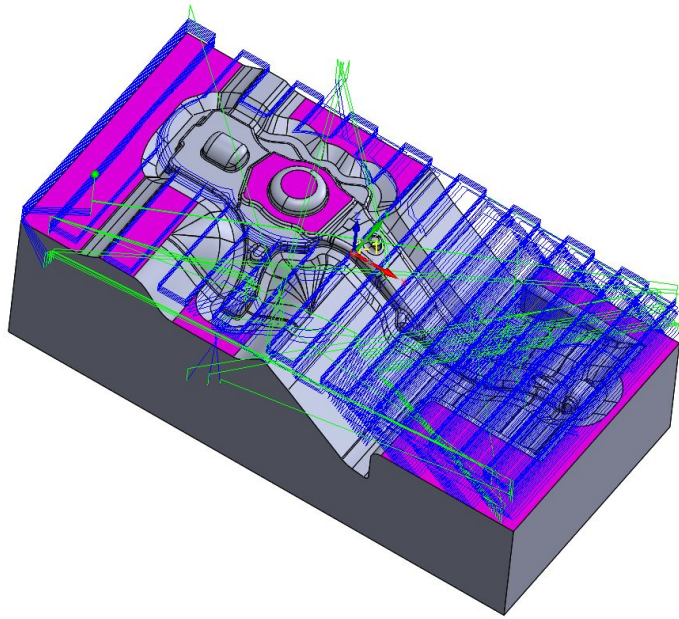
Surfaces and Offsets

Surface	Offset type	Global offset	Radial offset	Axial offset
target	Global	1	0.000	0.000
faces	Global	0.2	0.000	0.000



- Turbo roughing allows multiple surface offsets to be defined
- Infinite groups can be created with different surface offsets
- Very useful when machining tools & molds where flat parting surfaces are finished in the roughing stage

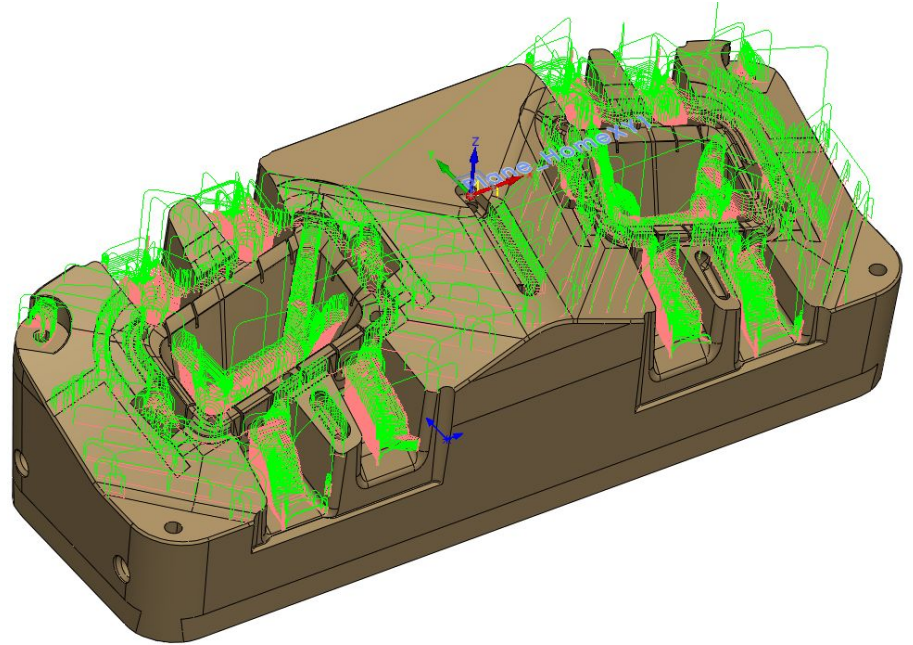
# Turbo 3D HSR – Strategies



- Different machining patterns available
  - Hatch, Contour and Rest roughing

# Turbo 3D HSR – Rest Roughing

- Rest roughing in Turbo 3D HSR
- Based on either Updated Stock or previous tool
- User can specify the minimum stock thickness above which the tool path will be generated
- Arc fitting in rapid moves provides smooth transition between passes





# Turbo 3D HSR – Local Stock Definition

Geometry | **Stock** | Fixtures | Pre-drilled Holes

Respect stock model

Stock definition: Auto updated stock  
Auto updated stock  
Surfaces  
Using 2D boundary ▼

Show

Detect rest material thicker than:

Tolerance:

Shrink

Expand

Stock has undercuts

Use part silhouette

Use boundary

Boundary name:   ▼ ...

Show

Tool-boundary relation:  ▼

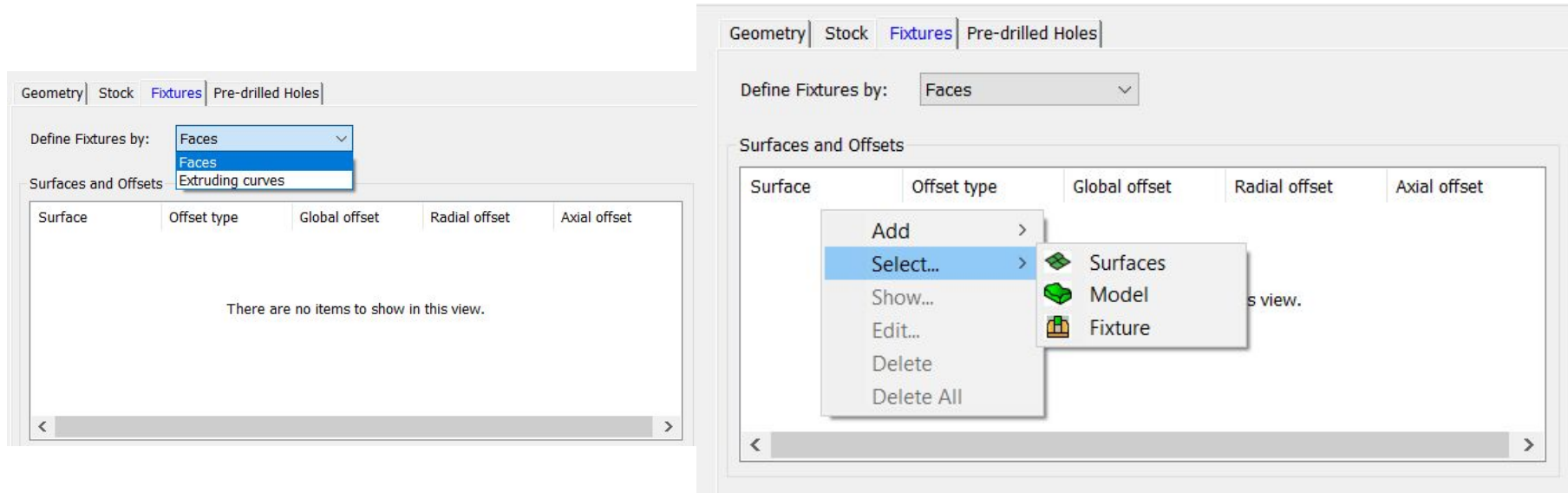
Offset value:

Stock has undercuts

Use part silhouette

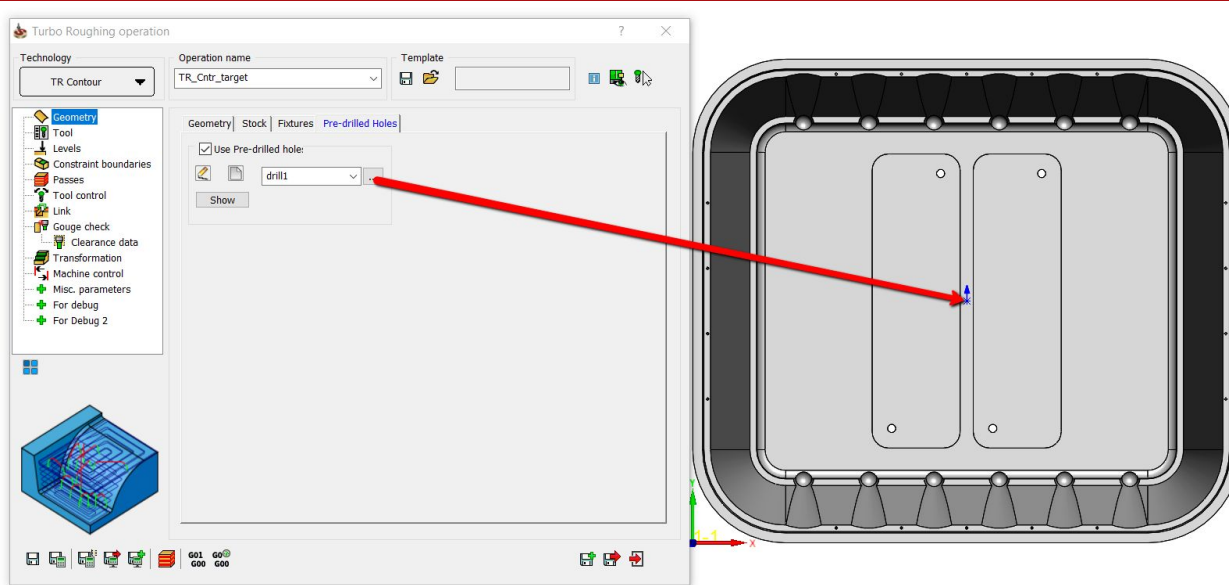
- Stock definition including undercut stock definition
- Local Stock can be defined for the operation

# Turbo 3D HSR – Fixture Collision Protection



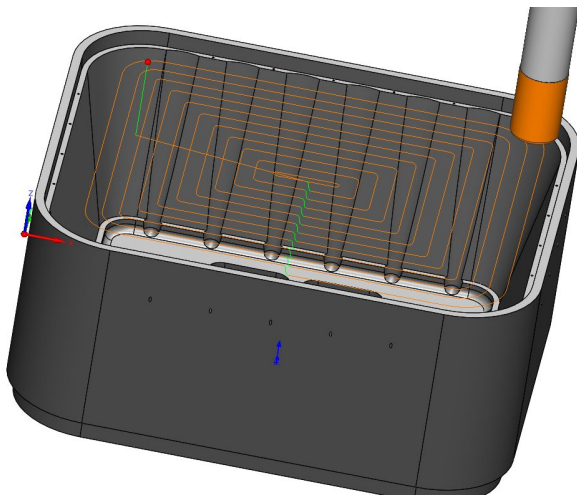
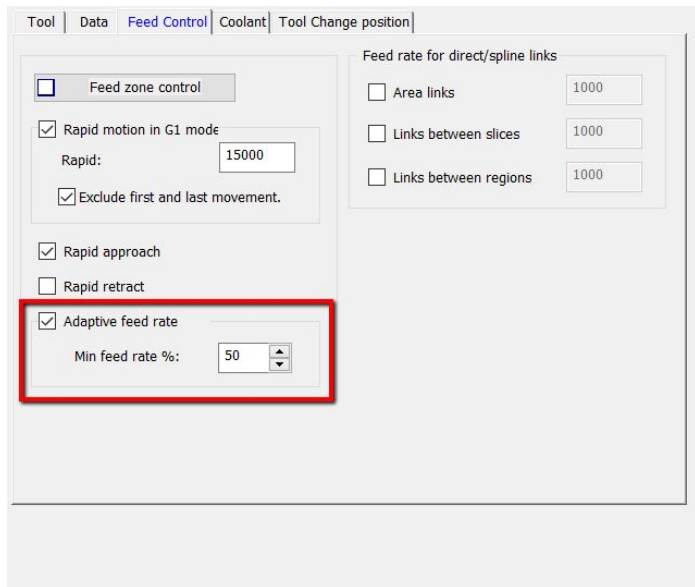
- Collision checking against fixtures using either Faces or Curves definition
- Fixture definition can be done using Faces, Part Model or Fixture Definition in Machine Setup

# Turbo 3D HSR – Pre-drilled Points



- Pre-drilled holes can be defined for tool entry; depth of drilling is recognized and ramping beyond the drilling depth is started automatically
- Very useful feature for roughing with non-center cutting tools

# Turbo 3D HSR – Adaptive Feed Rate



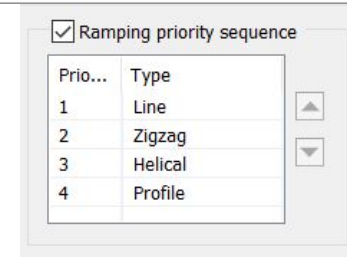
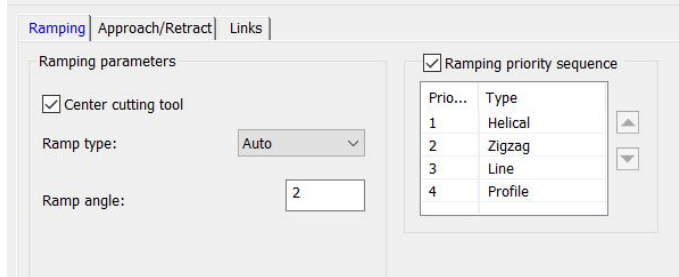
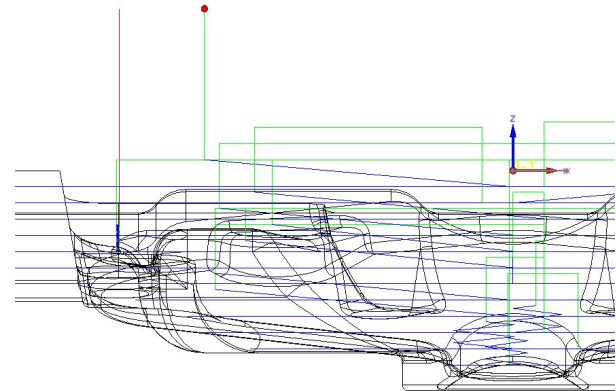
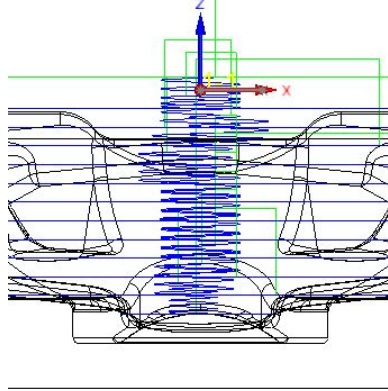
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Z	-3.0000
-	-
Feed	883.505
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Step	1900
Time	0:03:148
Compensation	Off

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N575 G1 X84.639 Y72.562
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N590 G1 X85.258 Y71.031 F720
N595 G1 X85.405 Y70.003 F629
N600 G1 X85.552 Y68.975 F587
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- Adaptive feed rate function allows for constant cutting conditions
- Very useful feature for roughing that maximizes tool life

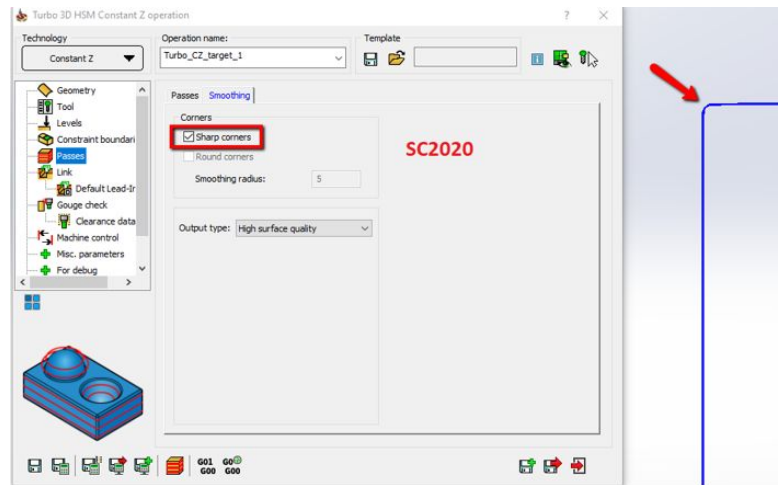
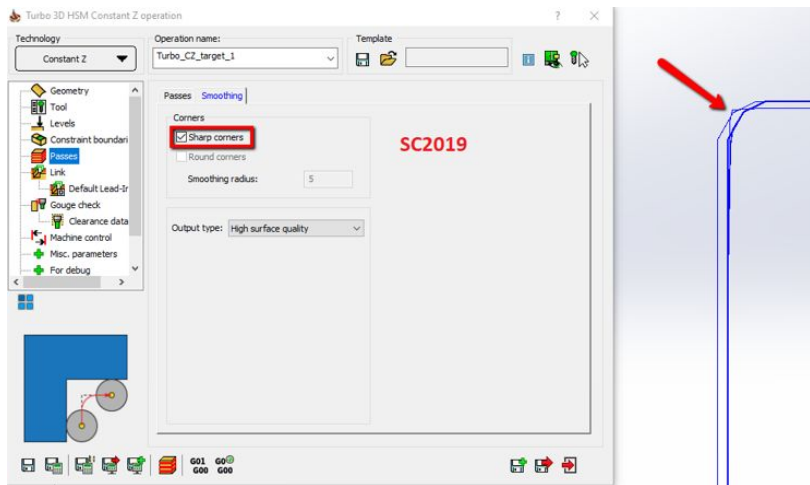


# Turbo 3D HSR – Automatic Ramping



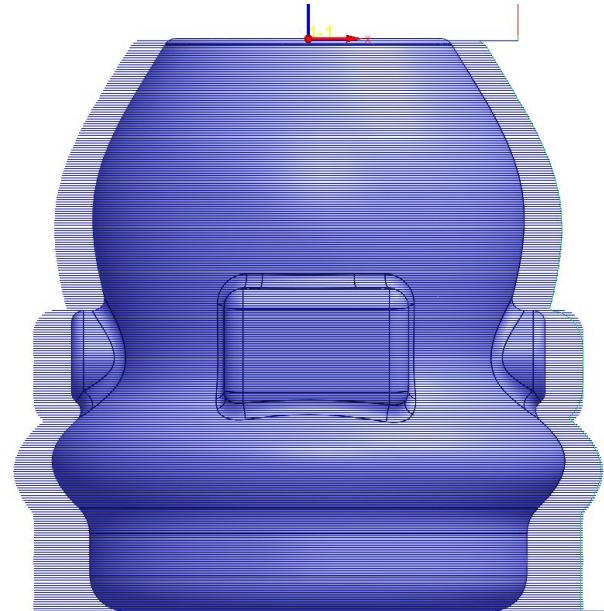
- **Automatic ramping makes decision of applying Ramp Type easy with a pre-defined fall back sequence in event a certain style of ramping is not possible**

# Turbo 3D HSM – Sharp Corners



- More accurate sharp corner motion is now created in Turbo 3D HSM tool path
- A fine radius is now added to prevent part wall damage

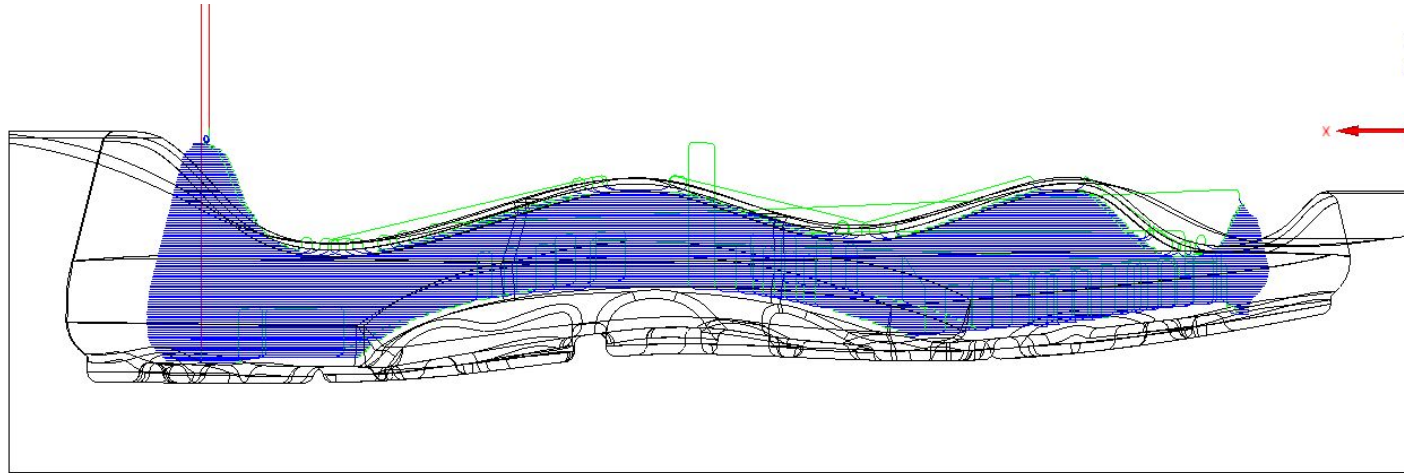
# New Operation – 3-Axis Undercut Milling



- **New 3 Axis Undercut Machining operation works directly on models**
- **Constant Z strategy is currently available**



# New Operation – 3-Axis Undercut Milling

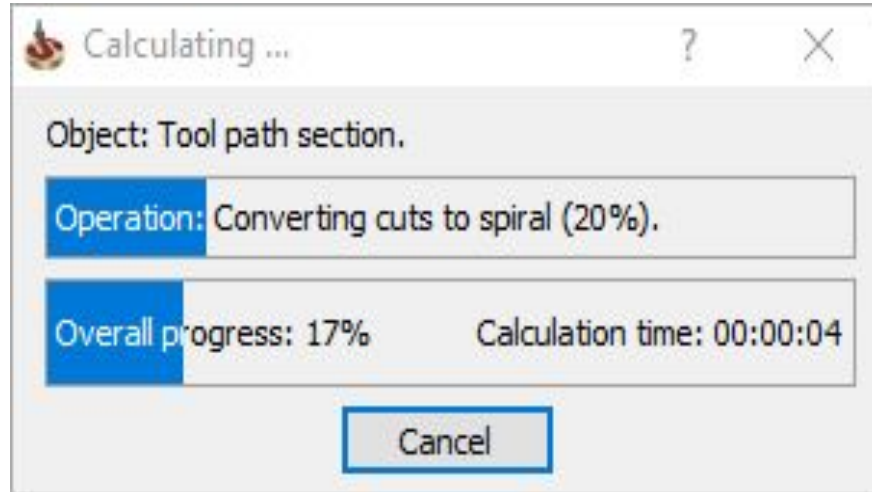


- Gouge free tool paths
- Support for Slot Mills & Lollipop Cutters
- Automatic collision control for Shank & Holders

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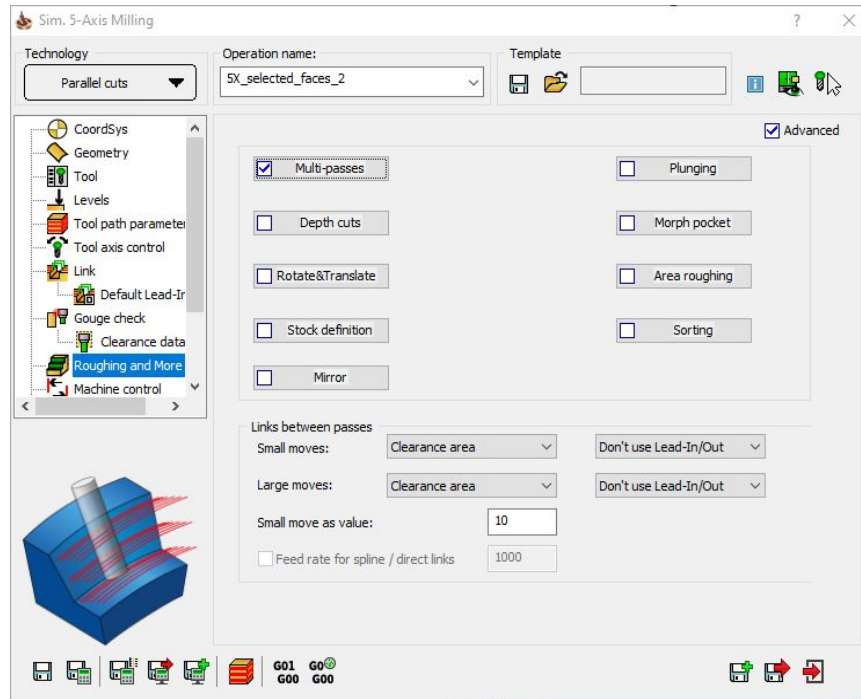
## HSS & SIM 5X

# HSS & SIM 5X – Progress Bar



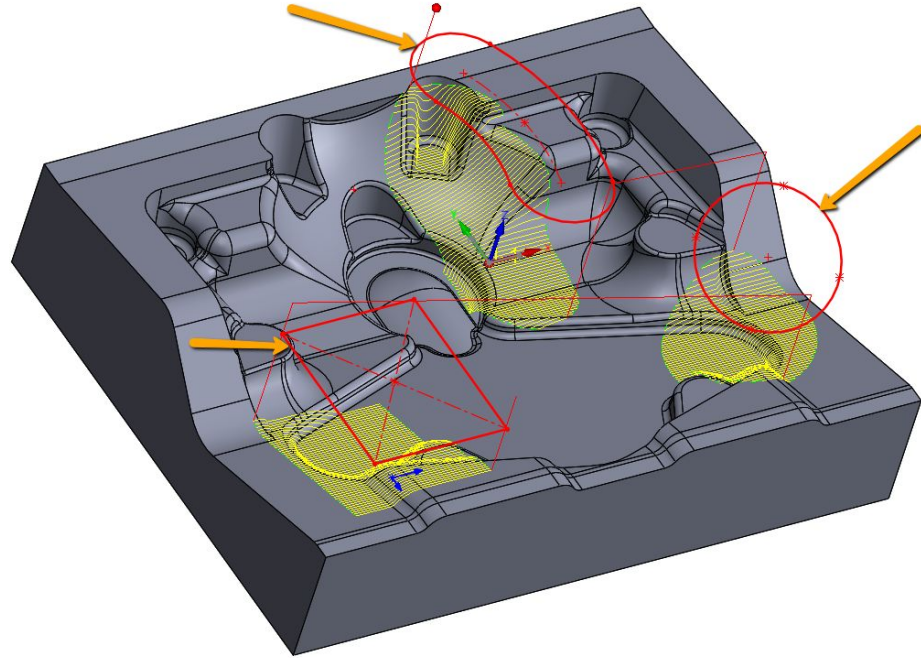
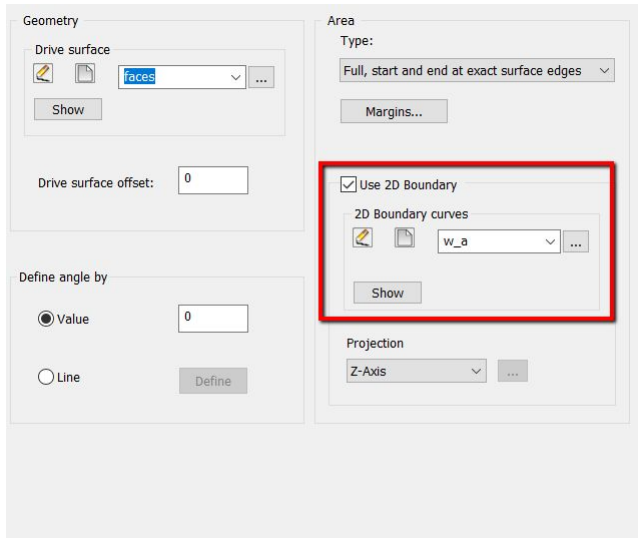
- Calculation progress bar is now visible for all HSS & SIM 5X Operations

# HSS & SIM 5X – Activating & Deactivating Options



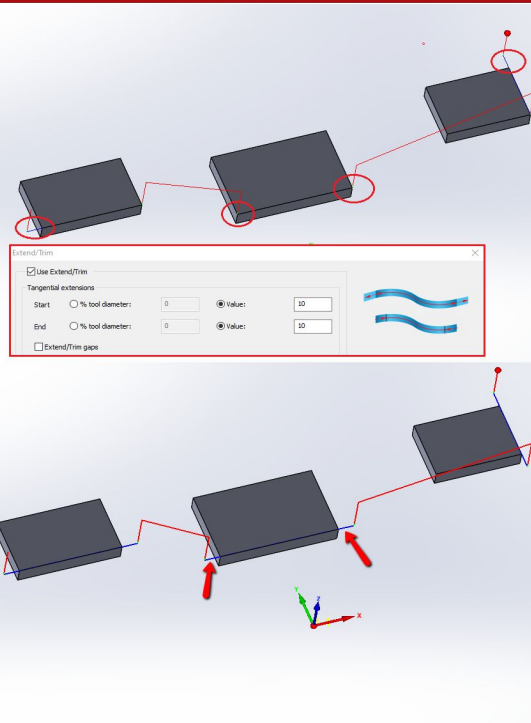
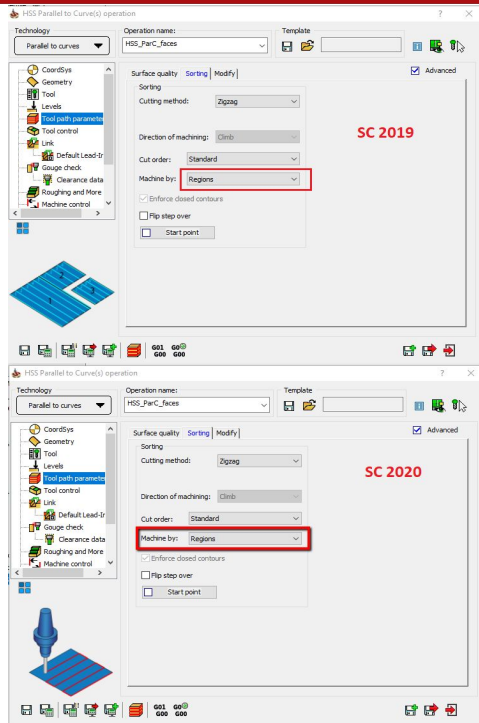
- The options on Roughing and More page can now be activated/deactivated by just clicking on the corresponding check boxes

# HSS & SIM 5X – Multiple Boundaries Definition



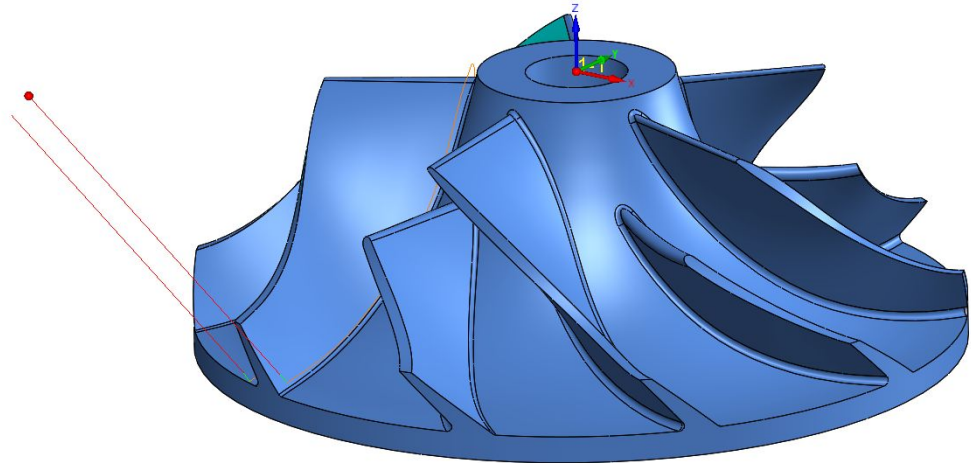
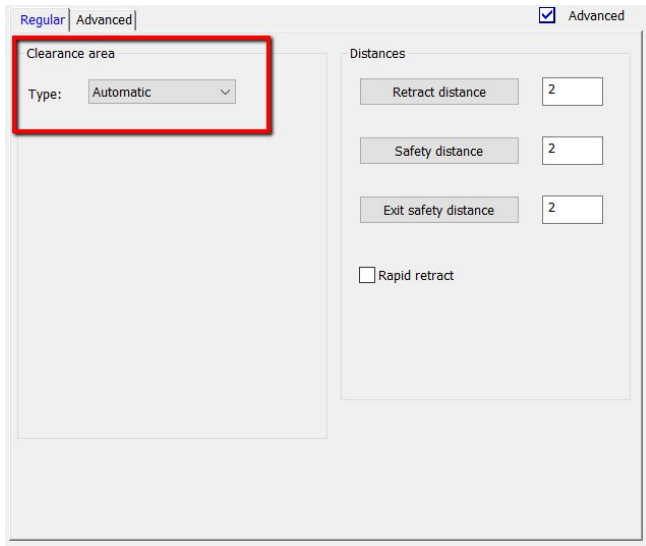
- Multiple boundaries are now supported in a single operation for HSS & SIM 5X

# HSS & SIM 5X – Extend Toolpath



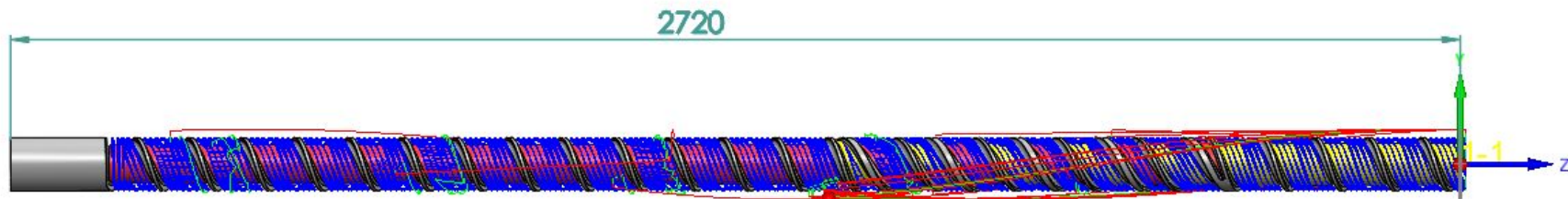
- Tool path extension now extends the tool path for each region

# HSS & SIM 5X – Automatic Clearance Plane



- **Automatic** – Clearance area direction, type and value are automatically set by SolidCAM based on the part geometry and tool path type

# Screw Machining – Improvements



- **Optimized tool path calculation is now 10 times or more faster**
- **Lead In & Lead Out definition for finishing operations**
- **Automatic Ramping**



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## SolidCAM Simulator

# Simulator ToolTips – User Option

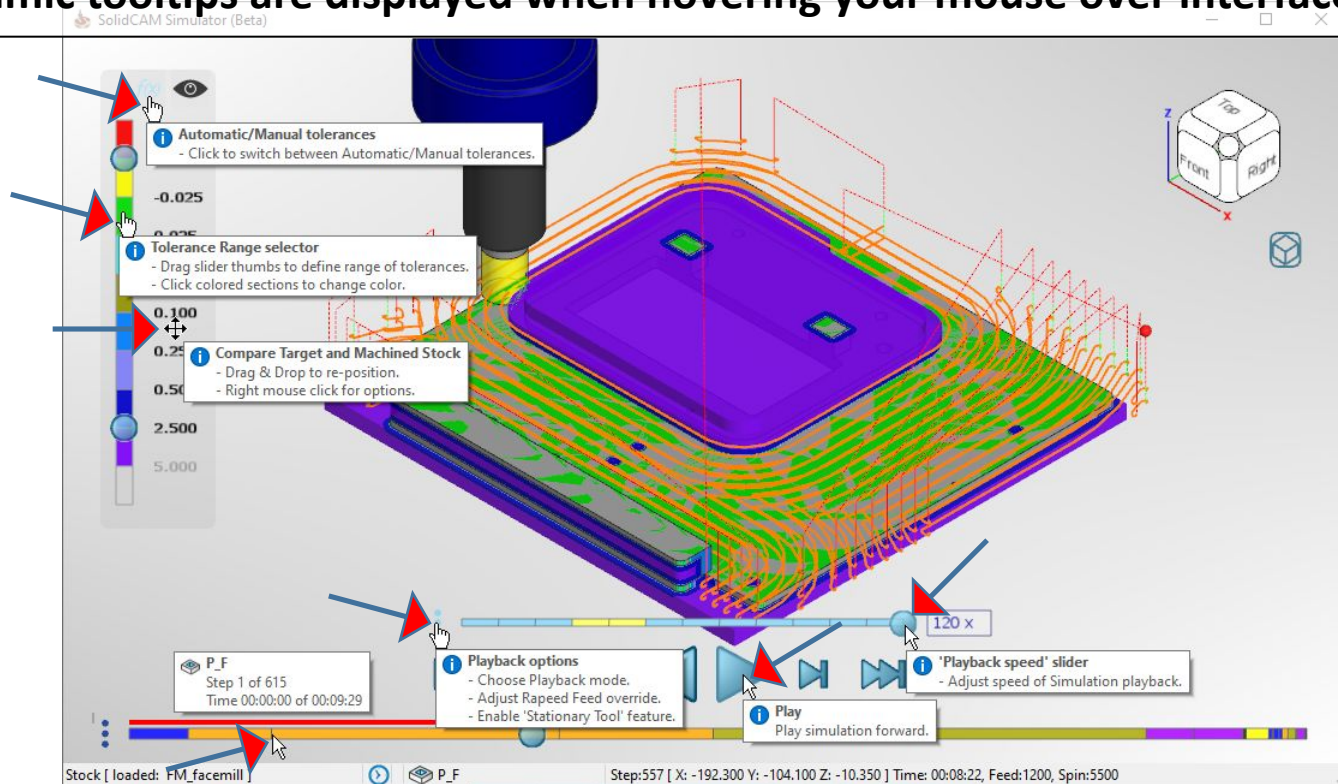
- Show dynamic info option enables you to toggle off/on tooltips

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# ToolTips – Interface Features

- Dynamic tooltips are displayed when hovering your mouse over interface features

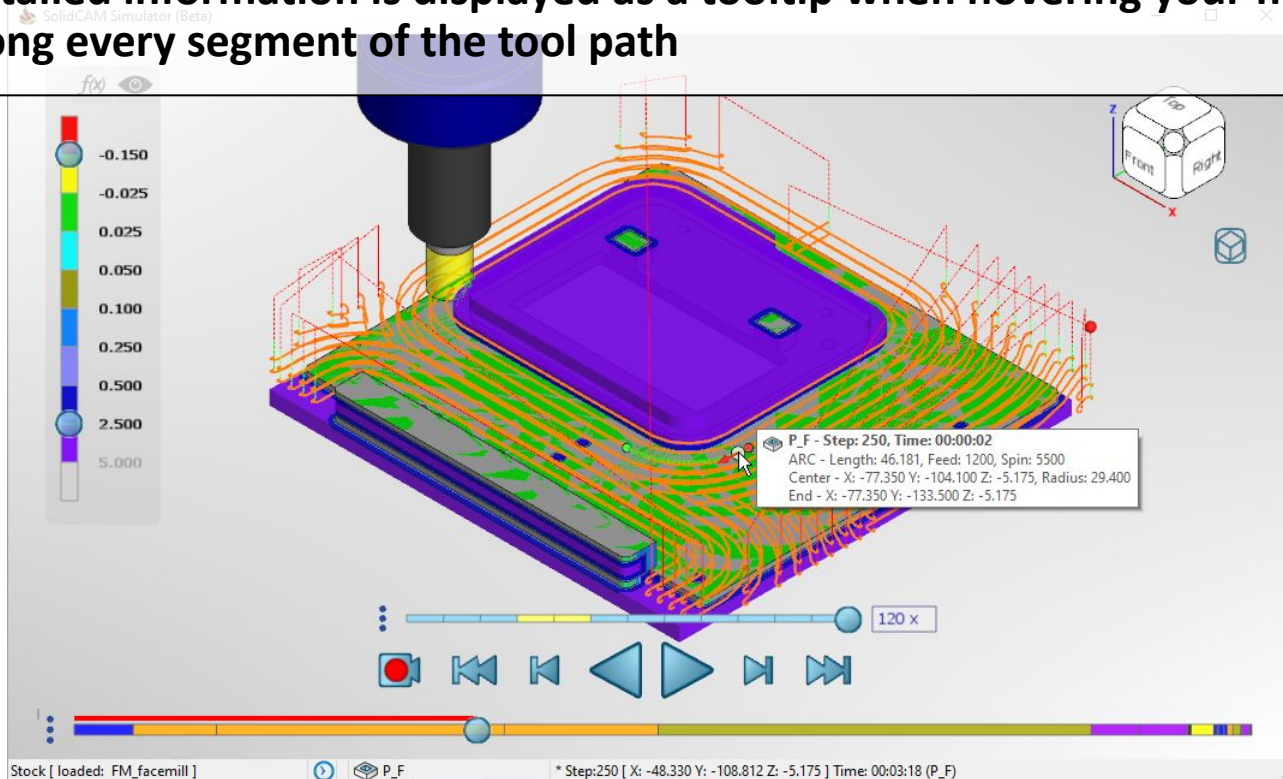


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# ToolTips – Tool Path Information

- Detailed information is displayed as a tooltip when hovering your mouse along every segment of the tool path



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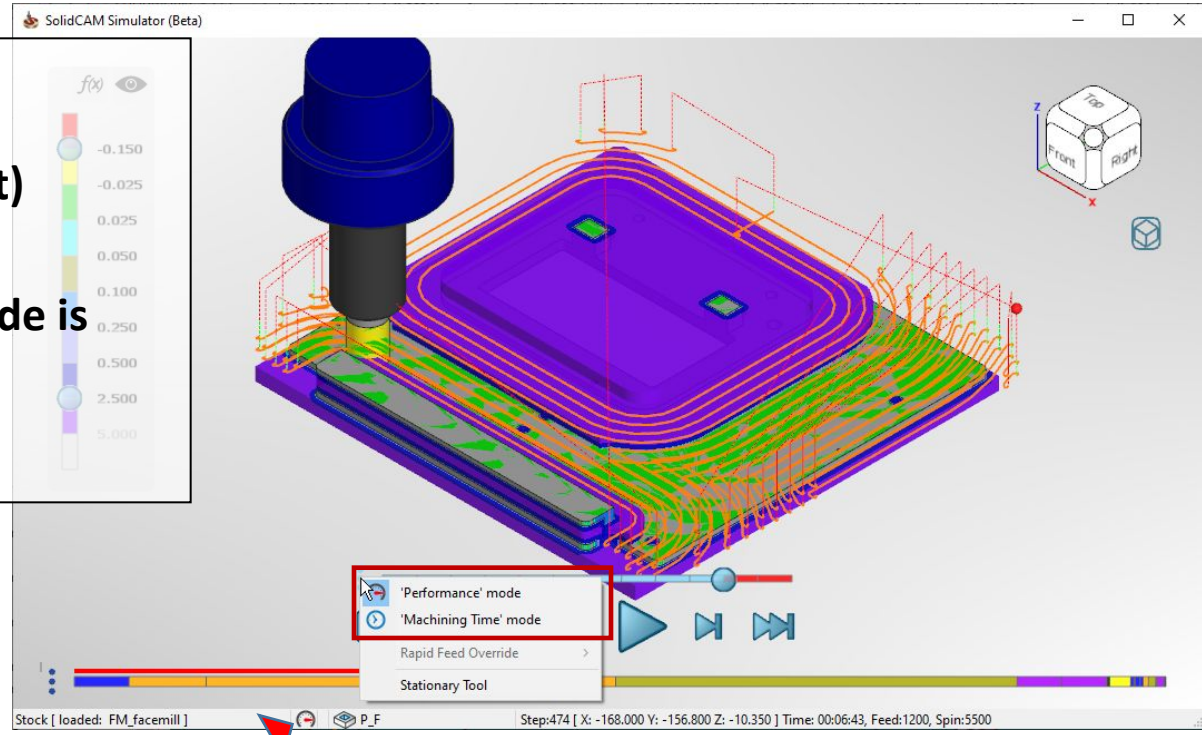


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# Simulation Playback Modes

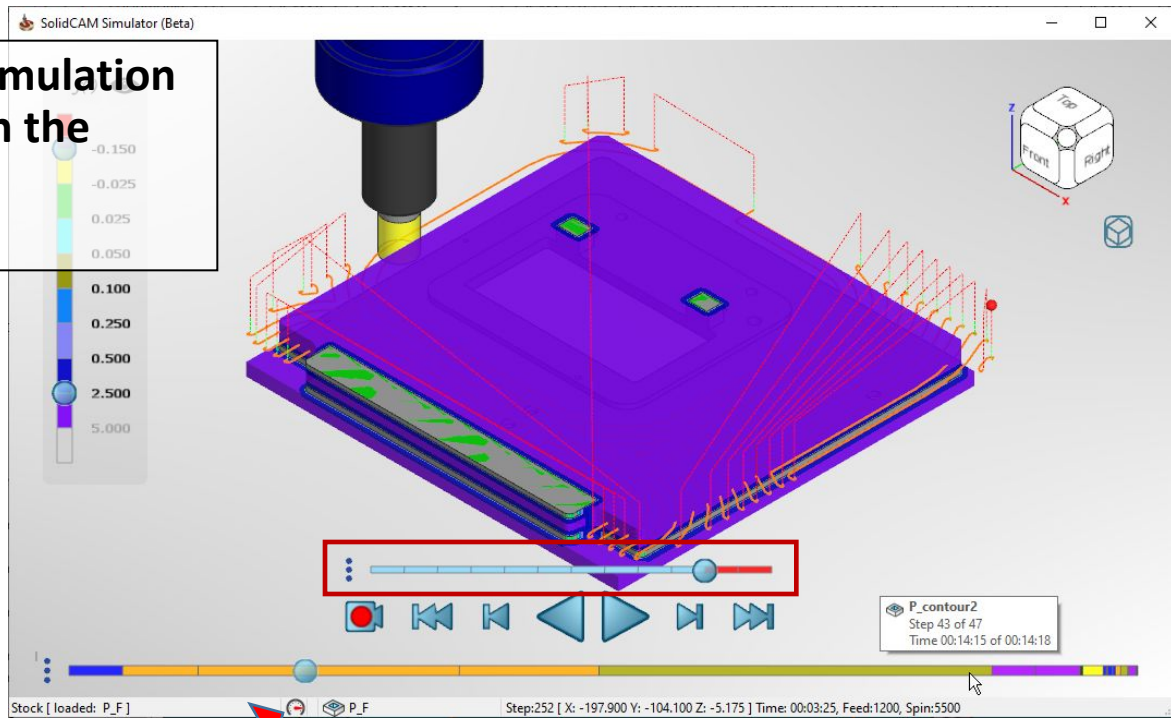
- There are now two available simulation modes:
  - Performance mode (default)
  - Machining Time mode
- Icon for currently running mode is shown in the status bar

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# Performance Mode

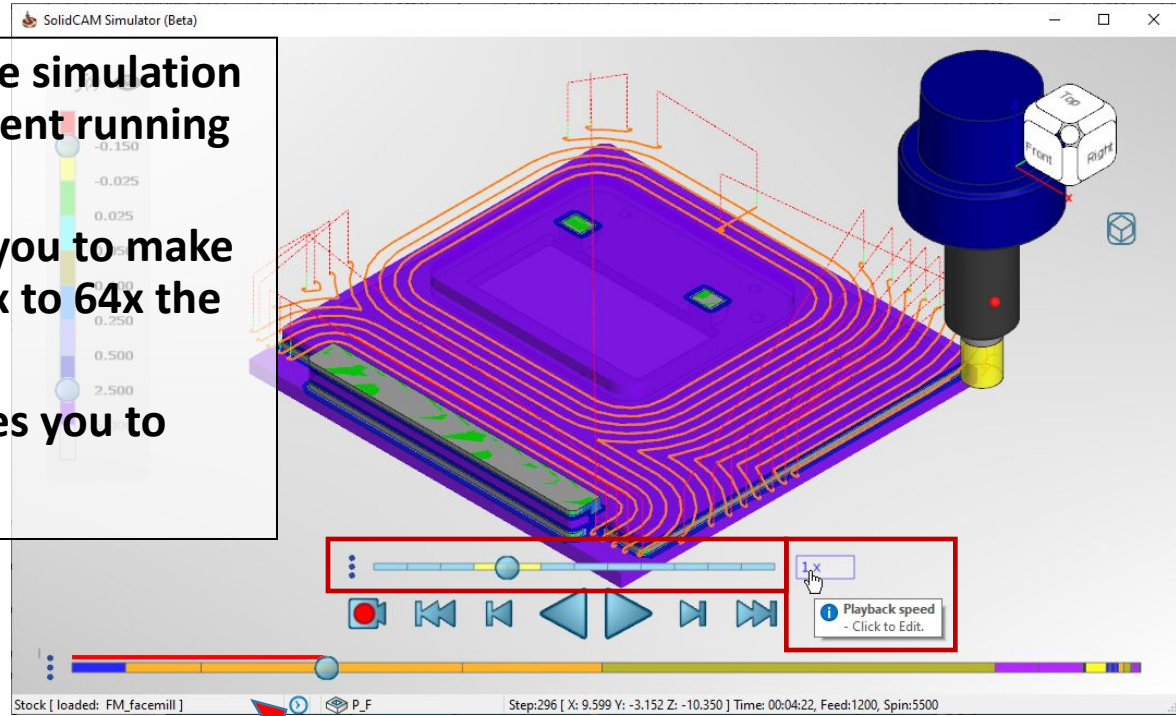
- Performance mode plays the simulation at incremental speeds based on the Playback speed slider



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# Machining Time Mode

- **Machining Time mode plays the simulation according to the actual time spent running on the machine**
- **Playback speed slider enables you to make default speed adjustments 0.1x to 64x the actual machining time**
- **Playback speed edit box enables you to enter any preferred value**



# Improved Status Bar with Tool Path Data

- **Status bar now displays detailed information about the tool path:**
  - **Current point in Operations bar when playback is running**
  - **Data related to specific tool path points when hovering mouse for tooltips**

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SolidCAM Simulator (Beta)

Stock [ loaded: FM\_facemill ]

P\_F

\* Step:50 [ X: -8,750 Y: -74,590 Z: -5,175 ] Time: 00:00:32 (P\_F)

P\_F - Step: 50, Time: 00:00:03  
LINE - Length: 74,100, Feed: 1200, Spin: 5500  
End - X: -8,750 Y: -104,100 Z: -5,175



# Simulator Stationary Tool – User Option

- During simulation playback, you can now keep the tool stationary instead of the part

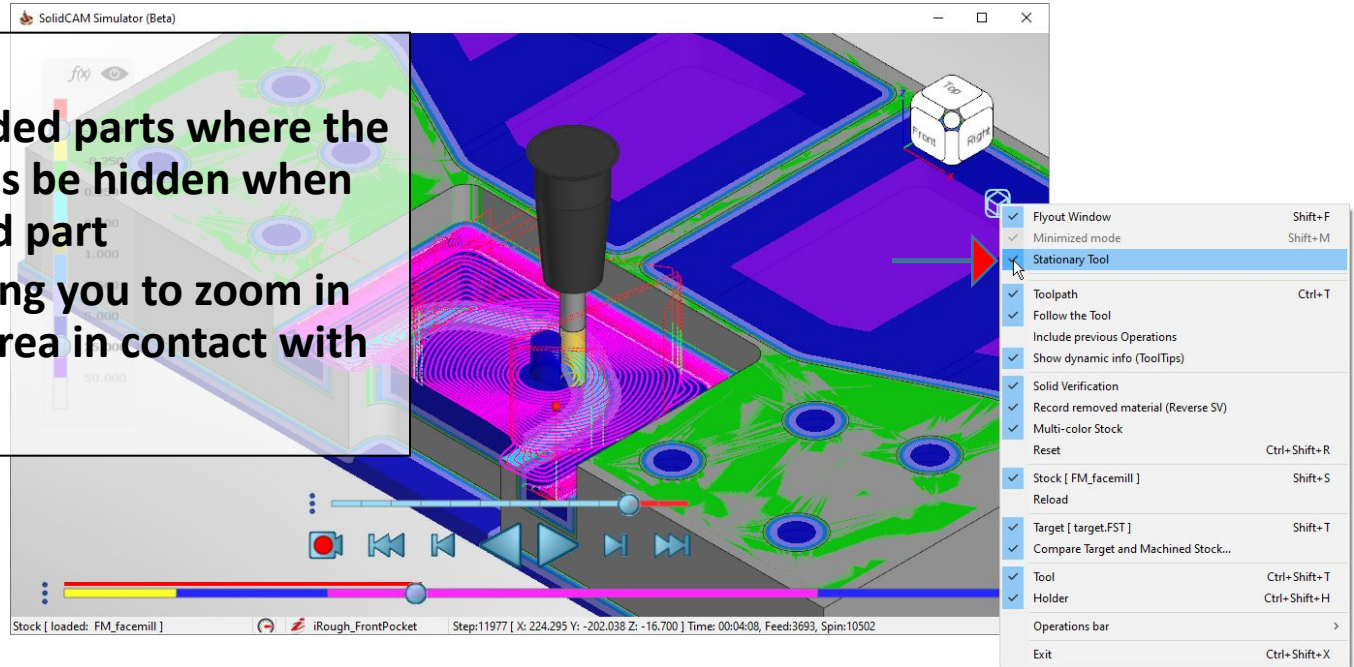
- Perfect for:

- Multiaxis/multi-sided parts where the tool can sometimes be hidden when it is moving around part
- Large parts, enabling you to zoom in and focus on the area in contact with the cutting tool

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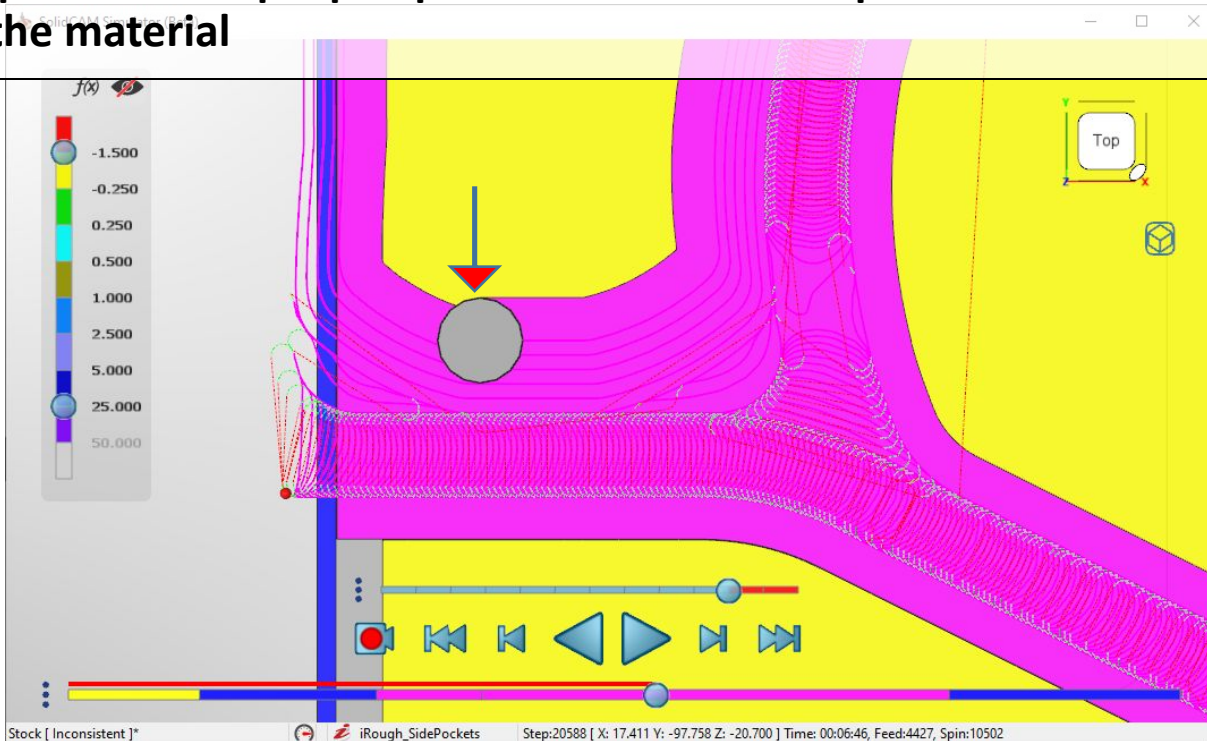


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# Stationary Tool – Unique Views

- In top view, provides unique perspective on 3-Axis tool path that shows how the tool is engaging the material



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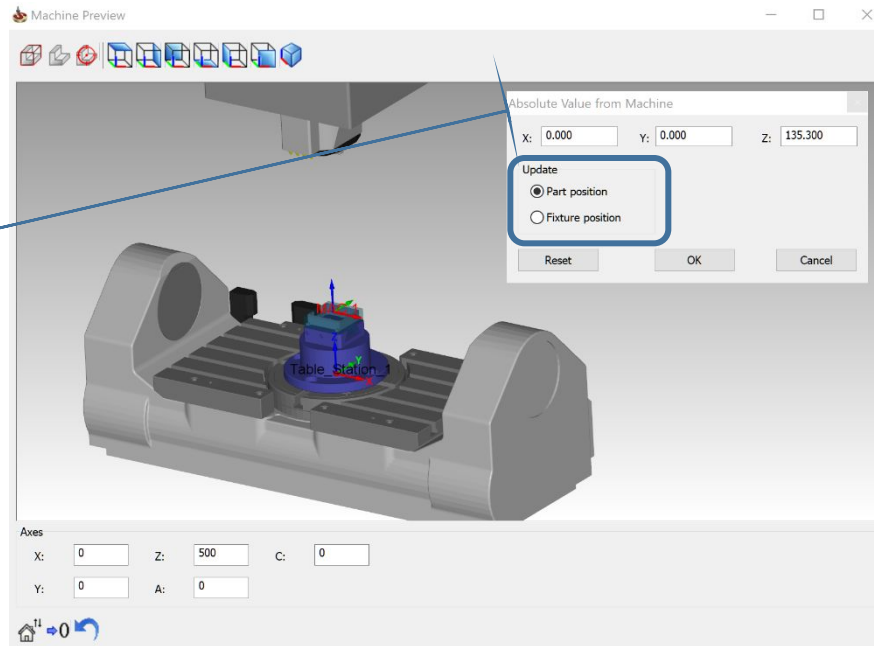
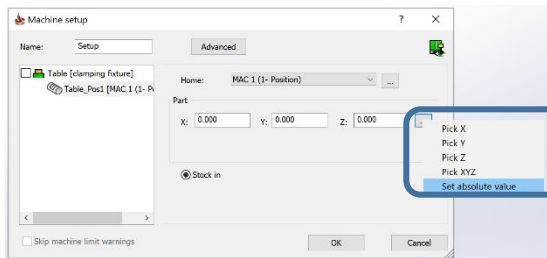
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# What's New in SolidCAM 2020

## General

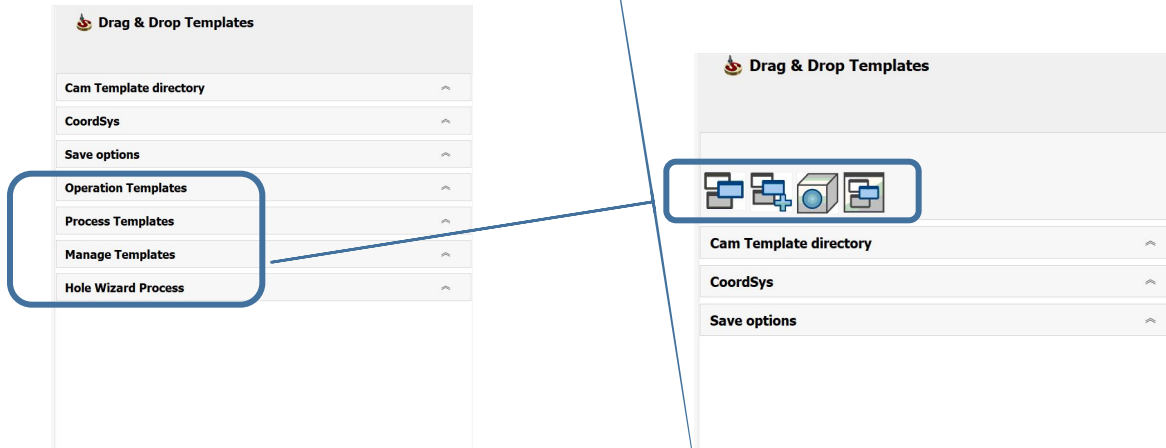
# Full Position Control of Part and Fixture

- Allows you in the Setup to set the absolute value as is on the machine for the Part or Fixture separately



# Drag & Drop – Easier Navigation

- Improved Drag & Drop interface by changing the Operation Templates, Process Templates, Manage Templates and Hole Wizard Process commands into Toggle switch icons



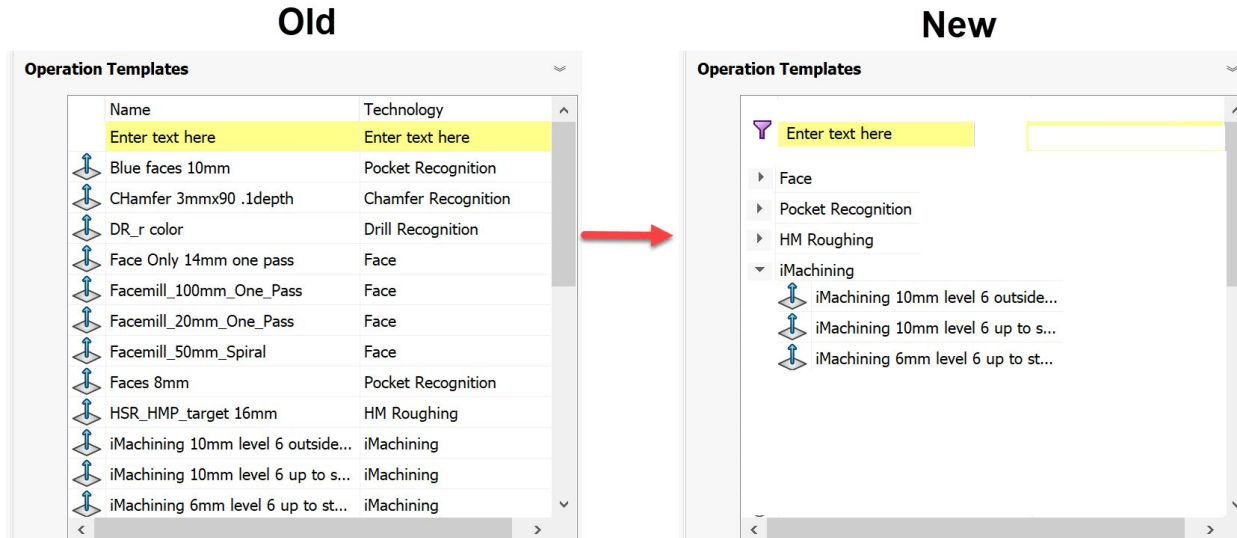
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# Drag & Drop – Cleaner Operation Templates Interface

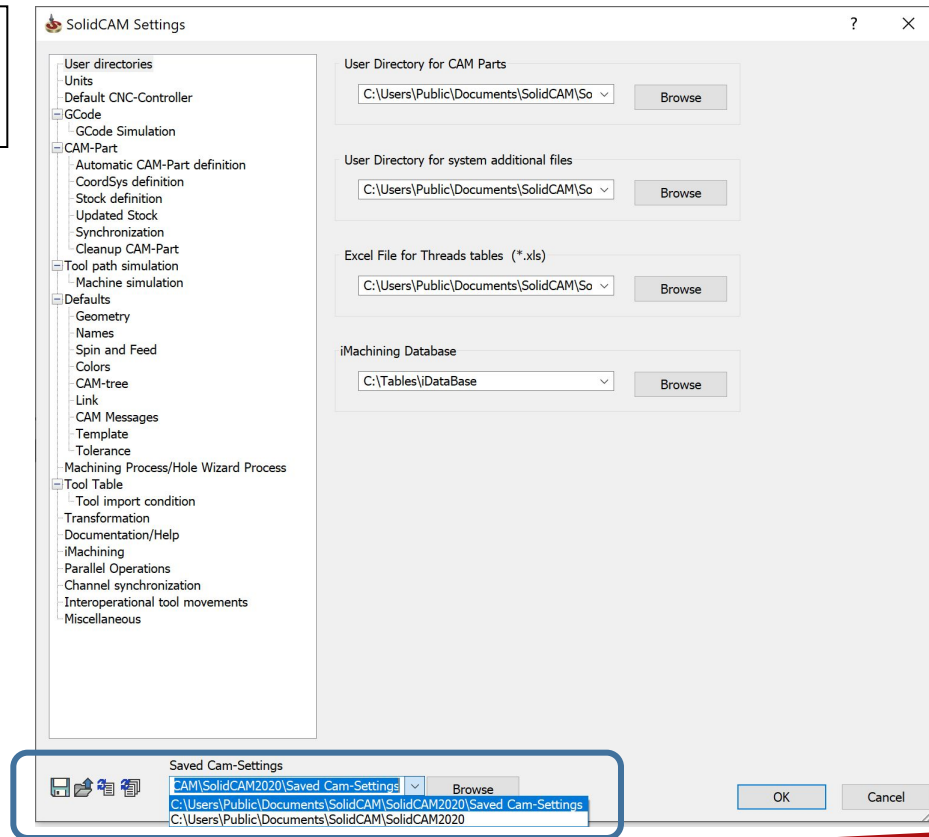
- Operation Templates have been grouped into Operation type folders, making it easier to navigate to the desired template to be used



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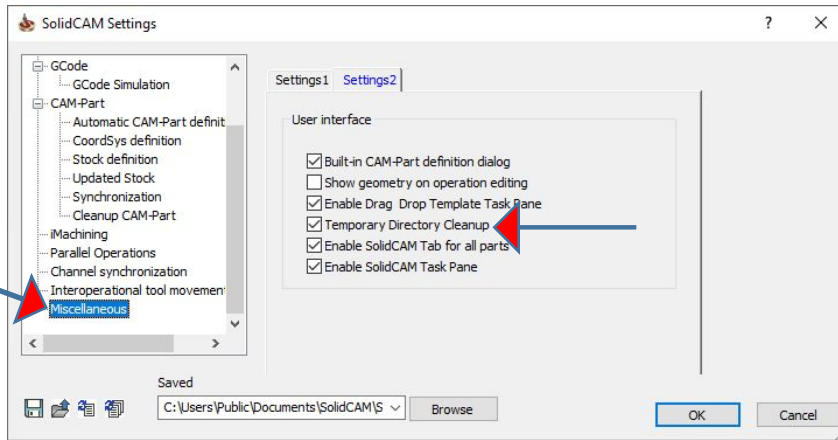
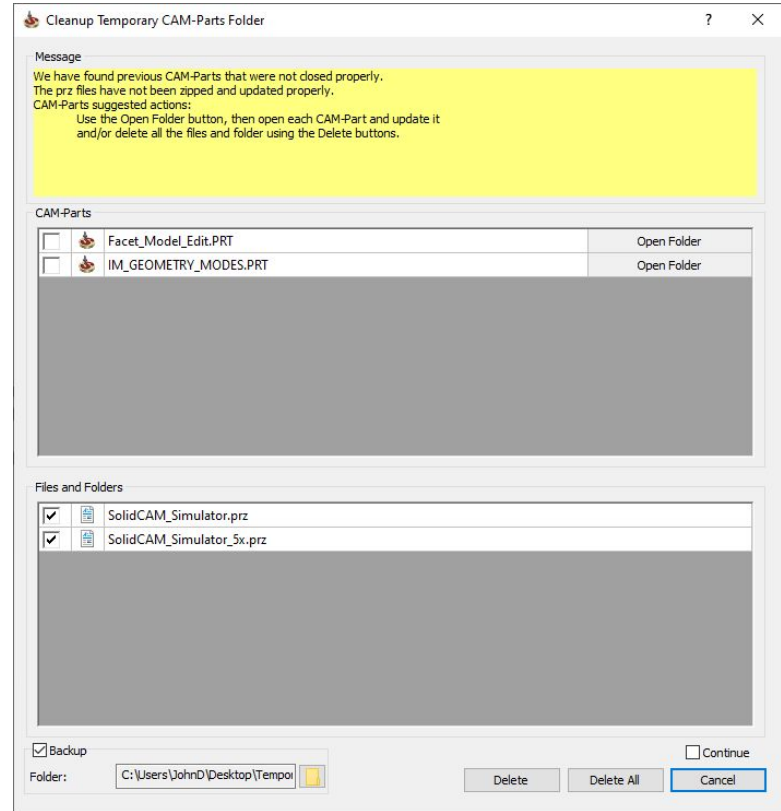
# Saved Cam-Settings Location Default

- Gives you full and easy control as to where CAM settings are stored



# Temporary Directory Cleanup Utility

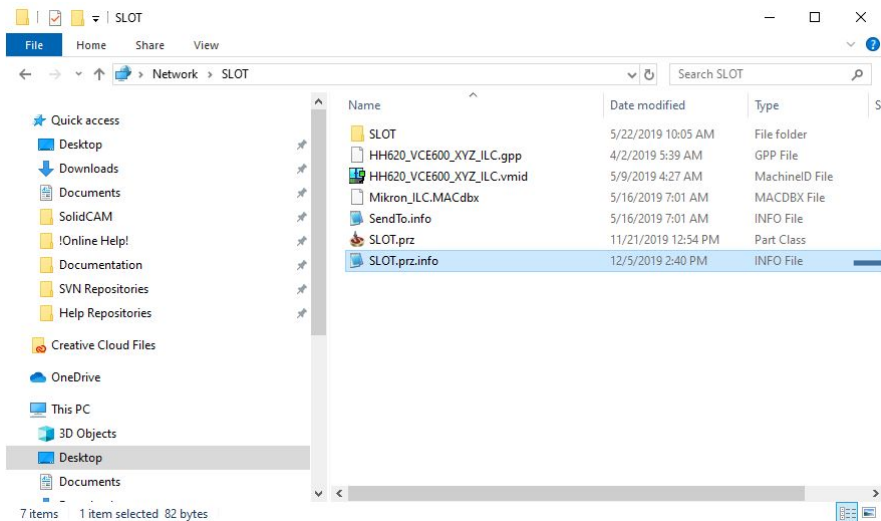
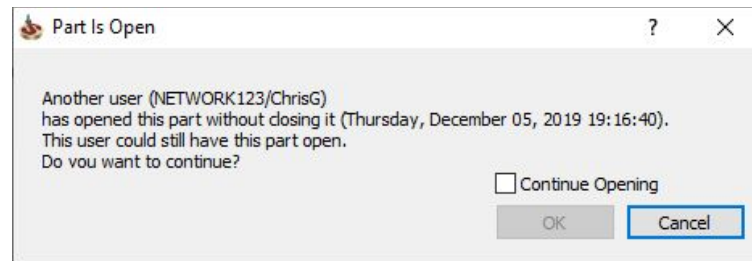
- Improperly closed parts existing in SolidCAM Temporary Directory shown in Recovery Dialog, enabling you to perform cleanup actions
- Turn Utility on/off in CAM Settings





# Network PRZ Multi-User Checking

- SolidCAM supports checking of PRZ files that may already be opened from a network location by another user



- Multi-user and network info (\*.prz.info) is created and stored in same directory as part file