

# “Study of Industrial Machinery, Machining Operations, Component Inspection and Maintenance Practices: M/s Gunjal Industries, Ahilyanagar.”

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## Abstract

Manufacturing industries depend on the effective utilization of machine tools, machining processes, inspection systems and maintenance practices to achieve productivity, dimensional accuracy and consistent product quality. This research paper presents an industrial case study of **M/s Gunjal Industries, Ahilyanagar**, focusing on industrial machinery, machining operations, component inspection and maintenance practices.

The study examines the role of conventional and advanced machine tools used for manufacturing and machining components. Major machining operations considered in the study include turning, drilling, milling, grinding, boring and related finishing operations. The research also focuses on component inspection using measuring instruments such as vernier calipers, micrometers, height gauges and other inspection equipment. Publicly available information identifies Gunjal Industries in the Ahmednagar MIDC area and lists services/products associated with industrial machinery, maintenance and repair, gear cutting and milling, grinding shafts and height gauges.

Maintenance is an important factor in maintaining machine availability and reducing unexpected breakdowns. The paper discusses preventive, predictive and corrective

maintenance approaches and proposes a systematic maintenance framework based on machine condition, operating hours, lubrication, inspection and breakdown history.

The study concludes that integration of appropriate machining parameters, systematic component inspection and planned maintenance can improve productivity, reduce rejection and rework, increase machine availability and improve overall manufacturing performance.

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## 1. Introduction

Manufacturing industries play an important role in the development of engineering and automotive sectors. The quality and productivity of manufactured components depend on the selection of suitable machines, machining parameters, inspection methods and maintenance practices.

Machining is a material-removal process used to obtain the required geometry, dimensional accuracy and surface finish of a component. Common machining operations include:

- Turning

- Drilling
- Milling
- Boring
- Grinding
- Tapping
- Reaming
- Threading

In addition to machining, component inspection is necessary to verify whether the manufactured component satisfies the specified dimensional and quality requirements.

Maintenance of production machinery is equally important. A machine breakdown can result in:

- Production loss
- Increased downtime
- Delayed delivery
- Increased maintenance cost
- Poor product quality
- Tool damage
- Reduced productivity

Therefore, production, inspection and maintenance should be considered as an integrated manufacturing system.

M/s Gunjal Industries is located at **L-51, MIDC, Ahmednagar**, according to publicly available business information. Public listings associate the organization with industrial equipment/machinery and services including industrial machine maintenance and repair, gear cutting and milling, grinding shafts and height gauges.

## 2. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this research are:

1. To study industrial machinery used in manufacturing operations.
2. To study different machining operations.
3. To understand the sequence of manufacturing operations.
4. To study component inspection methods.

5. To identify important dimensional and surface-quality parameters.
6. To study measuring instruments used for inspection.
7. To study maintenance practices followed for industrial machinery.
8. To identify common machine breakdown causes.
9. To study preventive and corrective maintenance methods.
10. To suggest methods for improving productivity, quality and machine availability.

## 3. Organization Profile

### 3.1 M/s Gunjal Industries

M/s Gunjal Industries is associated with industrial equipment and machinery-related activities in the Ahmednagar/Ahilyanagar MIDC area. Public business listings identify the organization at **L-51, MIDC, Ahmednagar**.

The publicly available listing indicates activities/products including:

- Industrial machinery
- Industrial equipment
- Cutting tools
- Height gauges
- Grinding shafts
- Gear cutting and milling
- Industrial machine maintenance and repair

For the present research paper, detailed machine names, capacities, production quantities and process parameters should be incorporated from actual industrial observations or authorized company information.

## 4. Research Methodology

The research methodology consists of the following stages:

**Industrial Visit****Study of Machinery****Study of Machining Operations****Component Inspection****Maintenance Study****Defect Identification****Data Collection****Analysis****Improvement Suggestions****4.1 Primary Data**

Primary data can be obtained through:

- Industrial visit
- Machine observation
- Operator interaction
- Maintenance personnel interaction
- Inspection department observation
- Measurement records
- Machine downtime records
- Production records, where permitted

**4.2 Secondary Data**

Secondary information can be obtained from:

- Company information
- Technical manuals
- Machine-tool literature
- Research papers
- Quality-management standards
- Maintenance-management literature

**5. Industrial Machinery**

Industrial machinery forms the foundation of manufacturing operations.

Typical machine categories that may be studied include:

**5.1 Lathe Machine**

A lathe is primarily used for producing cylindrical components.

Operations include:

- Turning
- Facing
- Threading
- Knurling
- Grooving
- Parting
- Drilling

**5.2 Milling Machine**

Milling is used to produce:

- Flat surfaces
- Slots
- Keyways
- Profiles
- Pockets
- Gear-related features

### 5.3 Drilling Machine

Drilling is used for producing circular holes.

Operations include:

- Drilling
- Reaming
- Counterboring
- Countersinking
- Tapping

### 5.4 Grinding Machine

Grinding is generally used for finishing and achieving improved dimensional accuracy and surface finish.

Applications include:

- Shaft grinding
- Surface grinding
- Cylindrical grinding
- Finishing operations

Publicly available information about Gunjal Industries specifically mentions grinding shafts.

## 6. Machining Operations

### 6.1 Turning

Turning is performed by rotating the workpiece while a cutting tool removes material.

Important parameters are:

- Cutting speed
- Feed
- Depth of cut
- Tool geometry
- Cutting-fluid condition

The quality of turning can be evaluated using:

- Diameter
- Length
- Concentricity
- Surface roughness

- Roundness

### 6.2 Facing

Facing produces a flat surface perpendicular to the axis of rotation.

Applications:

- Achieving required component length
- Preparing reference surfaces
- Improving surface finish

### 6.3 Drilling

Drilling produces holes of specified diameter and depth.

Important quality parameters include:

- Hole diameter
- Hole depth
- Position
- Perpendicularity
- Surface condition

### 6.4 Milling

Milling uses a rotating multi-point cutting tool.

Typical applications include:

- Slot milling
- Keyway cutting
- Surface machining
- Profile machining
- Gear-related operations

Public listings for Gunjal Industries mention gear cutting and milling services.

### 6.5 Grinding

Grinding removes a small amount of material using an abrasive wheel.

The main objectives are:

- High dimensional accuracy

- Improved surface finish
- Correct geometry
- Improved roundness

Grinding is particularly important for shafts and precision cylindrical components.

## 7. Machining Process Flow

A generalized component manufacturing process is:

### Raw Material

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### Cutting

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### Facing

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### Turning

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### Drilling

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### Milling / Keyway

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### Grinding

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### Cleaning

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### Component Inspection

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## Final Quality Approval

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## Dispatch

The actual process sequence should be modified according to the component manufactured at the organization.

## 8. Cutting Tools

Machining quality depends strongly on the condition and selection of cutting tools.

Common tools include:

- HSS tools
- Carbide inserts
- Drills
- End mills
- Face mills
- Reamers
- Taps
- Grinding wheels

Important tool-related parameters include:

- Tool material
- Tool geometry
- Tool wear
- Cutting speed
- Feed
- Tool life

Tool wear can cause:

- Increased surface roughness
- Dimensional variation
- Increased cutting force
- Increased temperature
- Poor component quality

## 9. Component Inspection

Component inspection is performed to verify that the manufactured component meets drawing and specification requirements.

Inspection may include:

### Dimensional Inspection

- Length
- Diameter
- Thickness
- Hole diameter
- Depth
- Width

### Geometrical Inspection

- Flatness
- Parallelism
- Perpendicularity
- Concentricity
- Roundness

### Surface Inspection

- Surface roughness
- Scratches
- Burrs
- Cracks
- Surface damage

## 10. Measuring Instruments

Important measuring instruments used in machining industries include:

| Instrument         | Application                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Vernier caliper    | General dimensional measurement |
| Outside micrometer | Accurate external diameter      |
| Inside micrometer  | Internal dimensions             |
| Height gauge       | Height and marking measurement  |
| Dial indicator     | Runout/alignment                |
| Bore gauge         | Internal diameter               |
| Thread gauge       | Thread inspection               |
| Radius gauge       | Radius measurement              |

Slip gauges

Precision measurement

reference

Surface roughness tester

Surface-finish measurement

Public information associated with Gunjal Industries specifically lists height gauges among its products.

## 11. Inspection Procedure

A systematic component inspection procedure can be represented as:

### Drawing Study

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### Identify Critical Dimensions

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### Select Measuring Instrument

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### Instrument Calibration Verification

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### Measure Component

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### Compare With Specification

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### Record Result

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### Accept / Reject

## 12. Importance of Inspection

Effective inspection helps to:

- Reduce rejection
- Reduce rework
- Maintain dimensional accuracy
- Identify process variation
- Improve customer satisfaction
- Reduce manufacturing cost
- Maintain consistency

Inspection should not be limited to final inspection. Wherever possible, critical dimensions should be checked during the process.

## 13. Maintenance of Industrial Machinery

Maintenance is the process of keeping machines in proper operating condition.

The major types are:

1. Breakdown maintenance
2. Preventive maintenance
3. Predictive maintenance
4. Corrective maintenance
5. Condition-based maintenance

## 14. Preventive Maintenance

Preventive maintenance is carried out at planned intervals to prevent unexpected failures.

Typical activities include:

- Lubrication
- Cleaning
- Belt inspection
- Bearing inspection
- Electrical inspection
- Hydraulic-oil inspection
- Coolant inspection
- Fastener tightening
- Tool-condition inspection
- Machine alignment checking

prepared as:

### Frequency Maintenance Activity

|           |                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| Daily     | Cleaning and lubrication check           |
| Weekly    | Belt, coolant and electrical inspection  |
| Monthly   | Bearing and machine-condition inspection |
| Quarterly | Alignment and detailed inspection        |
| Yearly    | Major servicing                          |

Actual intervals should follow the manufacturer's recommendations and the organization's maintenance schedule.

## 15. Predictive Maintenance

Predictive maintenance uses machine-condition information to identify potential failures before breakdown.

Possible techniques include:

- Vibration monitoring
- Temperature monitoring
- Oil analysis
- Motor-current analysis
- Noise monitoring
- Thermography

Predictive maintenance can help reduce unexpected downtime when applied appropriately.

## 16. Machine Breakdown Analysis

Common causes of machine breakdown include:

### Mechanical Causes

- Bearing failure
- Belt failure
- Gear wear
- Shaft misalignment
- Excessive vibration

### Electrical Causes

- Motor failure

A preventive-maintenance schedule may be

- Loose connection
- Overheating
- Sensor failure
- Control-system fault

$$\text{Availability} = \frac{\text{Operating Time}}{\text{Operating Time} + \text{Downtime}} \times 100$$

### Hydraulic Causes

- Oil leakage
- Low pressure
- Pump failure
- Seal damage

These indicators should be calculated using actual company maintenance records.

### Operational Causes

- Incorrect machine setting
- Excessive cutting parameters
- Improper lubrication
- Operator error

## 18. Quality and Maintenance Relationship

Machinery condition directly affects component quality.

### Poor Machine Condition

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## 17. Maintenance Performance Indicators

The following parameters can be used to evaluate maintenance performance.

### Vibration / Tool Wear / Alignment Error

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### Mean Time Between Failures

$$MTBF = \frac{\text{Total Operating Time}}{\text{Number of Failures}}$$

### Higher Rejection

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Higher MTBF generally indicates better reliability.

### Rework / Production Loss

Therefore:

### Mean Time To Repair

$$MTTR = \frac{\text{Total Repair Time}}{\text{Number of Repairs}}$$

**Good Maintenance → Stable Machine Condition  
→ Consistent Machining → Better Quality**

## 19. Defect Analysis

Typical machining defects include:

Lower MTTR generally indicates faster maintenance recovery.

| Defect              | Possible Cause         |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Oversize/undersize  | Incorrect tool setting |
| Poor surface finish | Tool wear              |
| Taper               | Machine/tool alignment |
| Chatter marks       | Vibration              |

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Burrs Tool condition  
Hole oversize Drill/tool wear  
Incorrect dimensions Improper setting  
Grinding marks Incorrect grinding parameters

## Production Planning

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## Machine Selection

## 20. Poka-Yoke in Machining

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Mistake-proofing can be implemented through:

## Standard Machining Parameters

- Fixture orientation control
- Tool-setting gauges
- Component identification
- Digital job instructions
- Tool-life monitoring
- Part presence sensors
- Automatic dimensional checking

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## In-Process Inspection

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## Final Inspection

Poka-Yoke helps prevent incorrect operation before the defective component proceeds to the next stage.

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## Machine Condition Monitoring

## 21. 5S Implementation

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5S can improve the manufacturing environment:

## Preventive Maintenance

1. **Sort** – Remove unnecessary items.
2. **Set in Order** – Arrange tools systematically.
3. **Shine** – Clean machines and workplace.
4. **Standardize** – Establish standard procedures.
5. **Sustain** – Maintain the improvements.

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## Defect Analysis

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## Corrective Action

Applications include:

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- Tool storage
- Measuring-instrument storage
- Cutting-tool identification
- Coolant management
- Maintenance-tool organization

## Continuous Improvement

## 22. Proposed Improvement Model

## 23. Results and Discussion

The following integrated system is proposed:

The study demonstrates that machining, inspection and maintenance are closely interconnected. A machining operation can produce the required component geometry only when the machine, cutting tool, fixture and process parameters are maintained within suitable conditions.

Component inspection provides feedback about manufacturing quality. If dimensional variation is

repeatedly observed, the root cause may be related to tool wear, machine alignment, fixture condition or incorrect machining parameters.

Similarly, planned maintenance can reduce the probability of machine failure and maintain consistent machining conditions.

For M/s Gunjal Industries, the industrial study can be strengthened by recording actual machine utilization, machining cycle times, component rejection, inspection results and maintenance downtime.

A comparison of these parameters before and after a maintenance or process-improvement activity can provide measurable research results.

## 24. Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed:

1. Maintain machine-wise preventive-maintenance schedules.
2. Maintain machine breakdown history.
3. Record MTBF and MTTR.
4. Use condition-based maintenance for critical machines.
5. Maintain calibration records for inspection instruments.
6. Introduce tool-life monitoring.
7. Use standardized machining parameters.
8. Maintain first-piece inspection records.
9. Implement 5S throughout the shop floor.
10. Use Poka-Yoke wherever possible.
11. Maintain coolant and lubrication quality.
12. Conduct regular machine-alignment checks.
13. Analyze rejection using Pareto charts.
14. Apply root-cause analysis to repeated defects.
15. Train operators in machine operation and basic maintenance.

## 25. Conclusion

This research paper presents an integrated study of **industrial machinery, machining operations, component inspection and maintenance practices** with reference to M/s Gunjal Industries, Ahilyanagar.

Machining operations such as turning, drilling, milling and grinding require proper machine condition, suitable cutting tools and controlled process parameters. Component inspection ensures that the manufactured products meet dimensional and quality requirements.

Maintenance is equally important because machine condition directly affects productivity, dimensional accuracy and surface finish. Preventive and predictive maintenance can reduce unexpected breakdowns and improve machine availability.

The proposed integration of **machining-process control, component inspection, preventive maintenance, 5S, Poka-Yoke and continuous improvement** can help improve manufacturing productivity and product quality.

For a stronger original research paper, actual industrial data from M/s Gunjal Industries should be collected and analyzed for **machine utilization, cycle time, rejection rate, inspection results, breakdown frequency, MTBF, MTTR and machine availability**.

## 26. Future Scope

Future research can focus on:

- CNC machining optimization
- Tool-life optimization
- Surface-finish improvement
- Predictive maintenance
- IoT-based machine monitoring
- Automated component inspection
- Machine-learning-based defect prediction
- OEE improvement
- Energy-efficient machining
- Sustainable cutting-fluid management

Research on machining has also shown that cutting conditions and cooling/lubrication strategies can significantly influence machining performance, surface finish and tool-related behavior.

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