

Numerical Control (CNC)

User's Manual

NC Virtual Simulator

Introduction

This document provides instructions on how to use NC Virtual Simulator. Read this document before using NC Virtual Simulator so that you know how to properly use it and prevent problems that can result from incorrect use.

NC Virtual Simulator supports the following NC series.

Only machining center type machines are supported.

| Supported model | Detail |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| M800VW Series | M830VW, M850VW |
| M800VS Series | M830VS, M850VS |
| M80V Series | M80V TypeA, M80V TypeB |
| M800W Series | M830W, M850W |
| M800S Series | M830S, M850S |
| M80 Series | M80 TypeA, M80 TypeB |

The following short forms are used in this document.

| Short form | Supported model |
|---------------------|---|
| M800V, M800V Series | M800VW Series, M800VS Series |
| M80V, M80V Series | M80V Series |
| M8V, M8V Series | M800VW Series, M800VS Series, M80V Series |
| M800, M800 Series | M800W Series, M800S Series |
| M80, M80 Series | M80 Series |
| M8, M8 Series | M800W Series, M800S Series, M80 Series |

Notes on reading this document

- (1) While this document is intended to cover as much special operations as possible, other operations not described in this document must be construed as not executable.
- (2) For the specifications of each individual machine tool, consult the documentation issued by the machine tool builder. The restrictions and available features described in the documentation issued by the machine tool builder take precedence over the descriptions in this document.

Notes on using this software

(1) Decimal separator

As the decimal separator, a period (.) is used regardless of the language of the OS on which NC Virtual Simulator is installed.

Related manuals

| Manual | IB No. |
|--|------------|
| M800V/M80V Series Instruction Manual | IB-1501618 |
| M800V/M80V Series Programming Manual (Lathe System) (1/2) | IB-1501619 |
| M800V/M80V Series Programming Manual (Lathe System) (2/2) | IB-1501620 |
| M800V/M80V Series Programming Manual (Machining Center System) (1/2) | IB-1501621 |
| M800V/M80V Series Programming Manual (Machining Center System) (2/2) | IB-1501622 |
| M800V/M80V Series Alarm/Parameter Manual | IB-1501623 |
| M800/M80/E80 Series Instruction Manual | IB-1501274 |
| M800/M80/E80/C80 Series Programming Manual (Lathe System) (1/2) | IB-1501275 |
| M800/M80/E80/C80 Series Programming Manual (Lathe System) (2/2) | IB-1501276 |
| M800/M80/E80/C80 Series Programming Manual (Machining Center System) (1/2) | IB-1501277 |
| M800/M80/E80/C80 Series Programming Manual (Machining Center System) (2/2) | IB-1501278 |
| M800/M80/E80 Series Alarm/Parameter Manual | IB-1501279 |

Precautions for safety

(Be sure to read before using this product.)

When using this product, read this manual and the related manuals introduced in this manual thoroughly, and pay full attention to safety to handle this product correctly.

The precautions shown in this manual are for this product only. For the safety precautions of the NC system, refer to the manual of the numerical controller to be used.

This section "Precautions for Safety" ranks the safety precautions into " ⚠ DANGER", " ⚠ WARNING" and " ⚠ CAUTION".



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| <p>⚠ DANGER</p> <p>When the user may be subject to imminent fatalities or major injuries if handling is mistaken.</p> |
| <p>⚠ WARNING</p> <p>When the user may be subject to fatalities or major injuries if handling is mistaken.</p> |
| <p>⚠ CAUTION</p> <p>When the user may be subject to injuries or when physical damage may occur if handling is mistaken.</p> |



Note that even items ranked as ⚠ "CAUTION", may lead to major results depending on the situation.

In any case, important information that must always be observed is described.











Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference and be sure to deliver it to the end user.

The following signs indicate prohibition and compulsory.

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|  | <p>This sign indicates prohibited behavior (must not do).</p> <p>For example,  indicates "Keep fire away".</p> |
|---|--|

| | |
|---|---|
|  | <p>This sign indicated a thing that is pompously (must do).</p> <p>For example,  indicates "it must be grounded".</p> |
|---|---|

The meaning of each pictorial sign is as follows.

| | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|
|  CAUTION |  CAUTION rotated object |  CAUTION HOT |  Danger Electric shock risk |  Danger explosive |
|  Prohibited |  Disassembly is prohibited |  KEEP FIRE AWAY |  General instruction |  Earth ground |

 **DANGER**

Not applicable in this manual.

 **WARNING**

■ **Matters concerning design**

- ⚠ To perform control (data change, operation status change, etc.) on an device and equipment (numerical controller, PLC, servo, robot, server, etc.) that is in operation from an industrial personal computer equipped with this product, configure an interlock circuit outside the device and equipment so that the entire system always works on the safe side. Read the manual thoroughly and make sure it is safe before proceeding. In particular, the above control for device and equipment from a remote location via a network may not be able to immediately deal with troubles on the device and equipment side due to abnormal data communication.
- ⚠ Provide a safety circuit outside the industrial personal computer so that the entire system works safely even if the industrial personal computer equipped with the product fails. Accidents may occur due to incorrect output or malfunction.

 **CAUTION**

■ **Matters concerning design**

- ⚠ While various settings are reflected, do not perform the operation that forces the power of the industrial personal computer equipped with this product to be turned OFF. If you perform an operation such that the industrial personal computer equipped with this product is forcibly turned OFF during the reflection, the data becomes unstable and it needs to be reconfigured and re-reflected. It may also cause the product to malfunction.
- ⚠ To protect availability, integrity and confidentiality of the system against cyber-attacks including unauthorized access, denial-of service (DoS) (*1) attack, and computer virus from external sources via a network, take security measures such as firewall, VPN, and anti-virus software.
(*1) Denial-of service (DoS) refers to a type of cyber-attack that disrupts services by overloading the system or by exploiting a vulnerability of the system.
- ⚠ Mitsubishi Electric assumes no responsibility for any problems caused to the system by any type of cyber-attacks including DoS attack, unauthorized access and computer virus.

■ **Matters concerning operation**

- ⚠ The simulation result does not guarantee the machining accuracy of the actual NC.

Application of this software

Users must agree the following conditions for an unexpected software problem:

- Use the software in a way that the problem will not cause a serious accident.
- Functions for data backup and fail-safe need to be systematically implemented outside the device as preventive measures for the problem.

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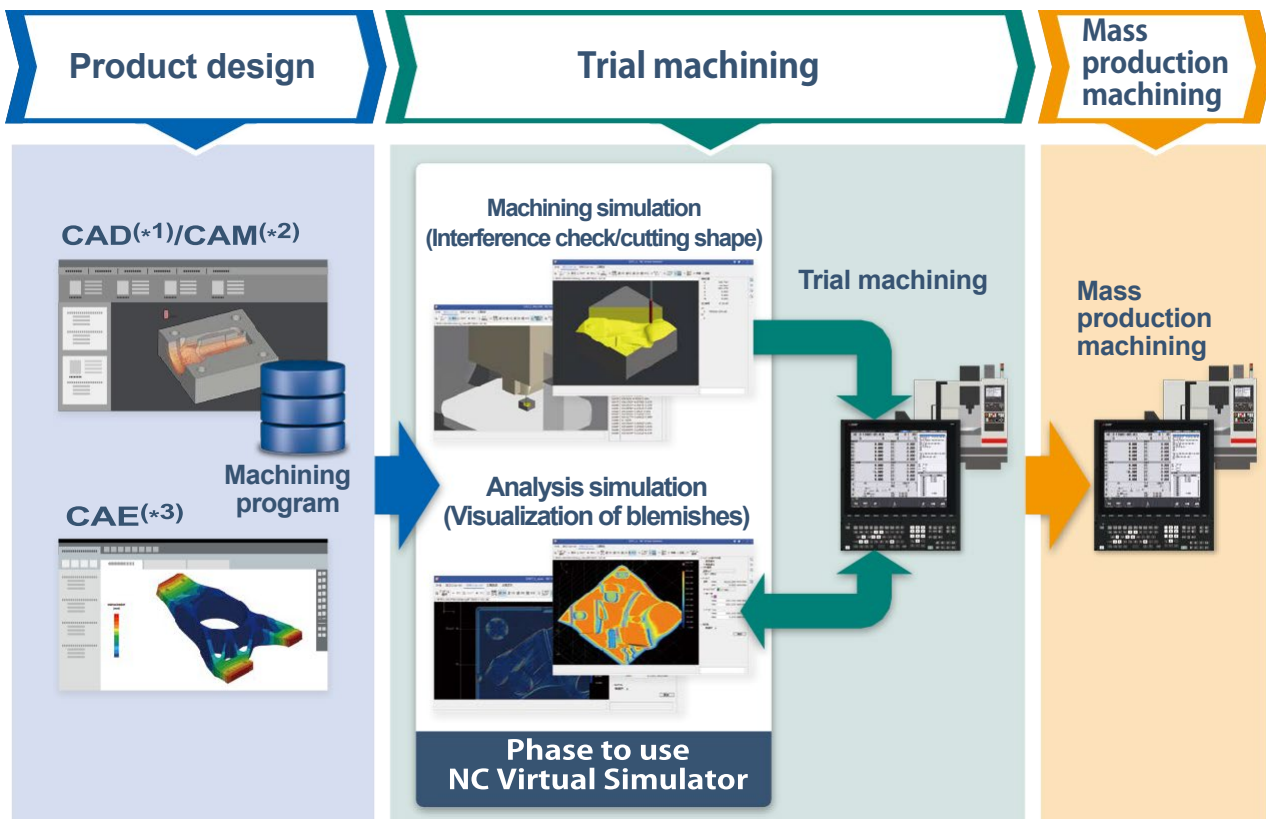
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1. Overview

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NC Virtual Simulator enables simulation from various angles digitally (on a PC) using the same machining conditions as used by the actual machine tool.

It simulates the motion of the CNC realistically, including smoothing, acceleration/deceleration and delay in servo response. It provides highly-accurate simulation because the same machining conditions as used by an actual machine tool can be used. It helps you to detect the problems before actual machining including machining errors, faulty setup, and machine interference, which you were previously not able to identify until trial machining. This increases your work efficiency and productivity.



- (*1) CAD: Computer Aided Design
- (*2) CAM: Computer Aided Manufacturing
- (*3) CAE: Computer Aided Engineering

NC Virtual Simulator offers the following two main simulation functions.

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Machining simulation | Realistic simulation of the motion of the CNC using the same machining conditions as used by the actual machine tool. You can check a highly-accurate graphic representation of the workpiece contour, the calculated machining time, and machine interference. It allows you to detect machining errors and faulty setup before actual machining, which was not possible with the simulation using CAD/CAM tools. |
| Analysis simulation | Simulation that allows visualization of positions and change in feedrate and acceleration, etc. at a micro segment level using color maps or other means. It makes it easy to recognize and analyze what caused slight surface blemishes. |

(*) Only CNC for machining center with a single part system is supported.

1. Overview

NC Virtual Simulator has the following functions.

| Function | Description | Reference |
|--|---|--|
| (1) Workpiece simulation | Digital position data where smoothing, acceleration/deceleration and delay in servo response are reproduced is used to estimate highly-accurate machining times and express highly-accurate surface shapes. | 6.3.9 Switch between machine simulation and workpiece simulation |
| (2) Superimposition display of product CAD model | A product CAD model is read and superimposed on the cutting simulation. This can be used to check whether a machining process is missed, and so on. | 6.3.10 Superimpose product CAD model on workpiece shape |
| (3) Pinpoint zoom display | This is the function to cut out the analysis range and partially display it with a higher accuracy. This is used when drawing accuracy is too rough to see the details of the machining surface. | 6.3.8 Partially enlarge workpiece shape |
| (4) Machine simulation | You can check machine interference in automatic operation using a 3D machine model. When there is interference, the contacting parts are indicated in the interference color, and a warning appears. | 6.3.9 Switch between machine simulation and workpiece simulation 6.3.2 Check interference |
| (5) Smart measurement | You can measure distance and angle between two points selected on a workpiece shape or a machine model. (Optional function) | 6.3.12 Measure distance on workpiece shape |
| (6) Color map display | This is the function to display variation of each data, such as speed difference of feedrate/acceleration rate/adjacent line segment, in a color map. This can be used to identify where a machining fault occurs. | 7.3.4 Turn to color map display |
| (7) Program link | You can identify the machining program block corresponding to the line segment in the simulated shape, and easily check and modify the machining program corresponding to the line segment with a problem found in the color map display. | 7.3.1 Enable program link |
| (8) Simulation comparison | You can make a comparison with past simulation results since the simulation history is retained. You can see how the machining results differ depending on machining conditions such as NC parameters. | 9 Simulation difference analysis |
| (9) NC Trainer2 plus link | By linking with NC Trainer2 plus, you can check operations using machine simulation of NC Virtual Simulator as an environment for the machine tool builder to simulate ladder circuit design and machine design. | 5.5 NC Trainer2 plus link |

2. Installation and setup

2.1 System requirements

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NC Virtual Simulator runs in the following environment.

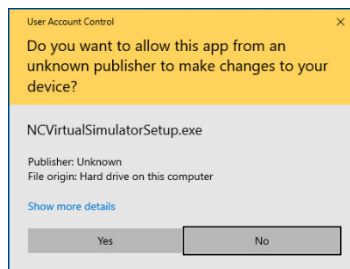
| Item | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Computer | A PC that has a processor with clock speed of 2.66 GHz or faster and at least 2 cores and 4 threads (4 cores and 8 threads or more is recommended) |
| Memory | At least 8 GB |
| Hard disk space | At least 4 GB (excluding the space required for OS operation) |
| OS | Windows 10 (64-bit) (*) WOW64 is used |
| Interface | 10/100/1000M Ethernet (only for network-connected version) USB1.1 or later |
| Display | A video adapter and monitor with a resolution of HDTV (720p)(1280×720) or higher (at least 65,536 simultaneous colors; 16,770,000 simultaneous colors is recommended) PC with OpenGL 4.5 or later display adapter |
| Supported language | Japanese, English |

2.2 Installation

- (1) Insert the NC Virtual Simulator installation DVD into the DVD-ROM drive of the PC.
- (2) Run NCVirtualSimulatorSetup.exe in the installation DVD.

When you perform installation, you must be logged in as an Administrator.

When User Account Control of Windows is enabled, you see the following confirmation dialog. Select [Yes] to start installation.



- (*) An older version than the installed one cannot be installed.
- (*) You cannot perform installation in an OS environment of Windows 8.1 or earlier.

2. Installation and setup

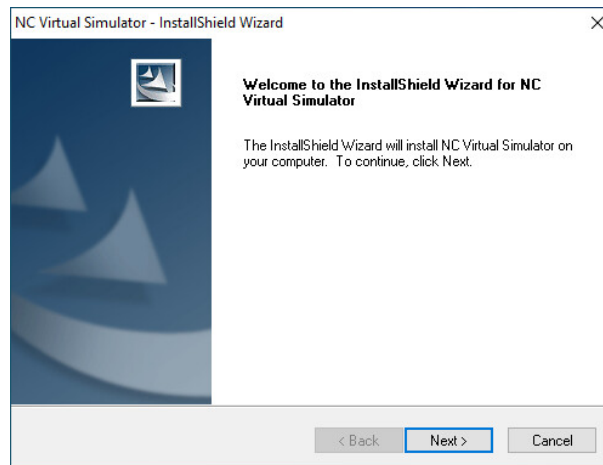
2.2 Installation

(3) The splash screen appears, and the installer is launched.



- (*) Microsoft .NET Desktop Runtime 5.0.9 (x86) (hereinafter called "Desktop Runtime for Windows") is installed with NC Virtual Simulator. Therefore, it might take time to install them for the first time.
- (*) If Desktop Runtime for Windows fails to be installed, NC Virtual Simulator is not installed. Obtain the installer of Desktop Runtime for Windows from the Microsoft official website. After Desktop Runtime for Windows is installed, install NC Virtual Simulator from the beginning.

(4) The setup panel appears.
Press [Next].

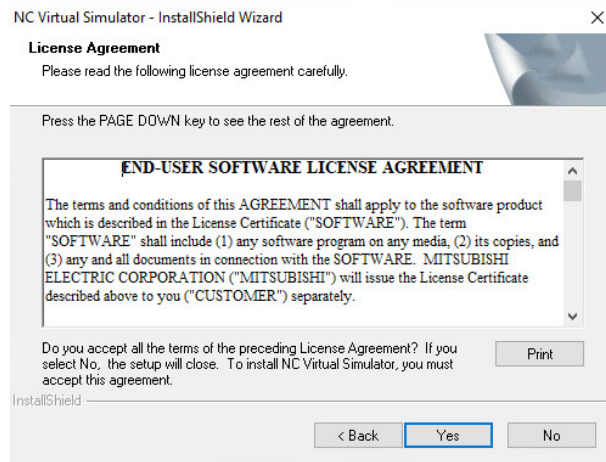


- (*) After installation is started, you can cancel the installation before it completes. In this case, Desktop Runtime for Windows is not deleted.

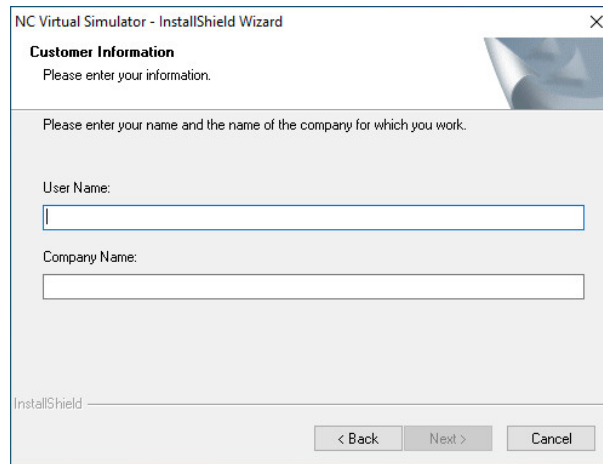
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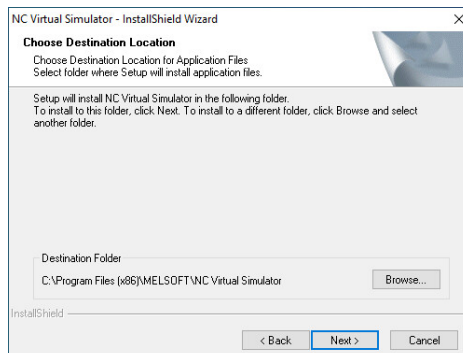
- (5) The End-User Software License Agreement appears. Read the agreement carefully, and press [Yes]. If you select [No] (do not accept the agreement), the installation of NC Virtual Simulator is cancelled.



- (6) The Customer Information panel appears. Enter a username and company name, and press [Next].



- (7) The panel to choose the destination location appears. If changing the location in which you want to install the application, press [Browse] and choose a location. When you are done, press [Next].



- (*) When changing the folder in which to install the application, ensure that the full path does not exceed the maximum length of 80 characters. If it exceeds 80 characters, the folder cannot be set.

2. Installation and setup

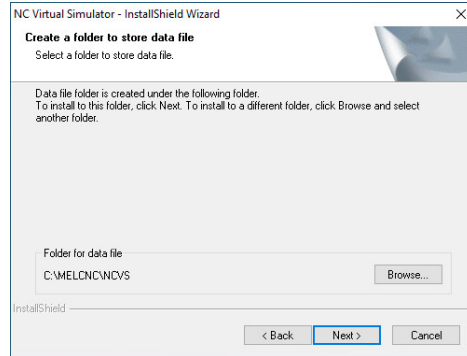
2.2 Installation

(8) The Create a folder to store data file pane appears.

When changing the location, press [Browse] to choose a folder.

Folders that you can specify are restricted. Refer to (*) below.

When you are done, press [Next].

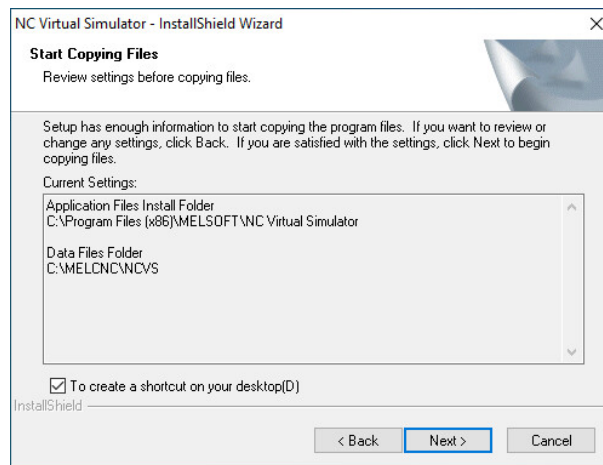


(*) Observe the following restrictions when you change the folder to store data files.

- A folder name cannot contain half-width symbols that are unrecognizable to Windows and two-byte codes such as full-width characters.
- When setting the folder name, ensure that the full path does not exceed the maximum length of 19 characters. If it exceeds 19 characters, the folder name cannot be set.
- Do not specify a folder under "C:\Program Files", "C:\Program Files (x86) ", or "C:\Windows". (These folders are usually write-protected.)
- Do not specify a drive other than C and D. If you do, you may not be able to work with the files in the HD or the memory card device.

(9) The information about the locations is displayed. After verifying it, press [Next]. (If you need to make changes, press [Back].)

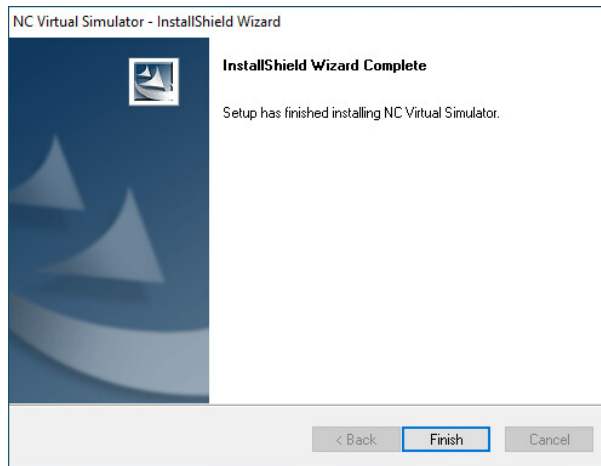
Select the "To create a shortcut on your desktop(D)" option if you want to create a shortcut for NC Virtual Simulator on your desktop after installation.



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2.2 Installation

- (10) When installation completes successfully, the completion panel appears.
Press [Finish] to exit the wizard.



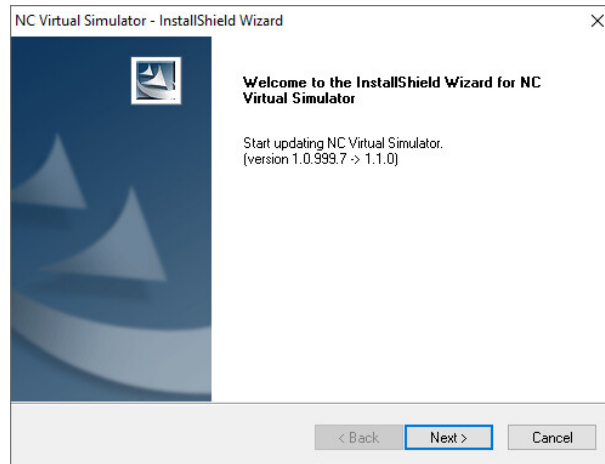
- (11) Then, register a license.
See "3 License".

2. Installation and setup

2.3 Upgrade

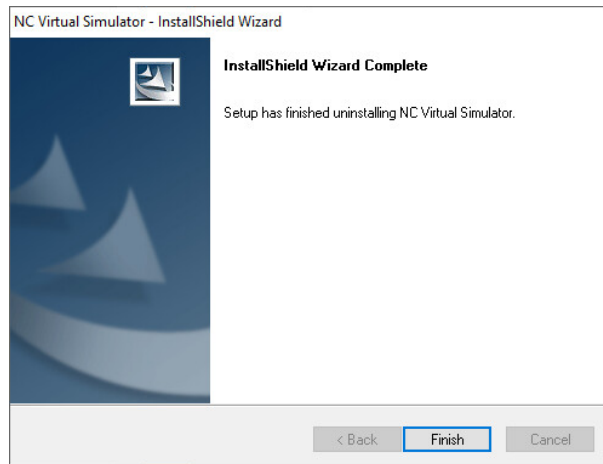
2.3 Upgrade

- (1) Run "NCVirtualSimulatorSetup.exe" for a new version of NC Virtual Simulator.
When you perform upgrade installation, you must be logged in as an Administrator.
Press [Next].



- (*) Once started, update installation cannot be cancelled.

- (2) When installation completes successfully, the completion panel appears.
Press [Finish] to exit the wizard.

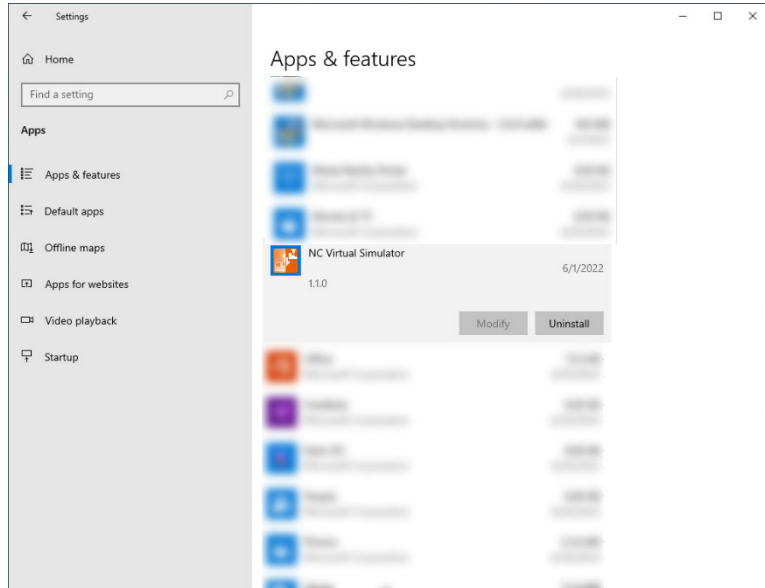


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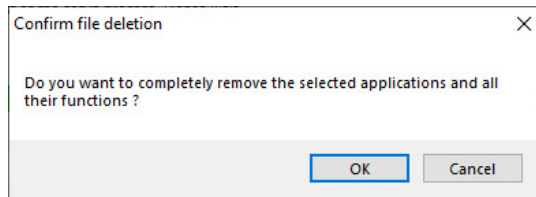
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- (1) Select [Start] > [Settings] > [Apps] > [Apps & features].

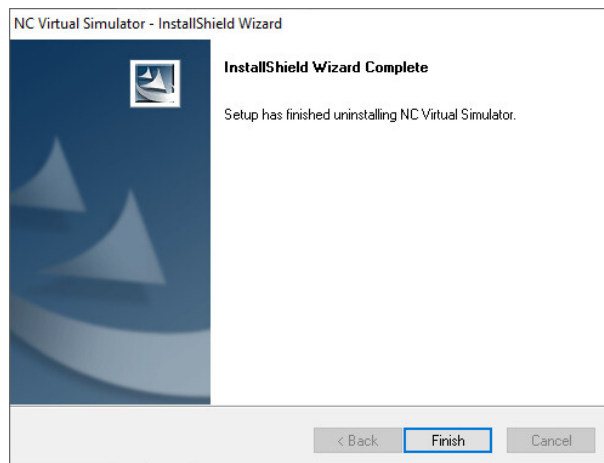


- (2) The Confirm file deletion dialog appears.
Press [OK] to start uninstallation.
(Press [Cancel] to go back to [Apps & features].)



- (*) Once started, uninstallation cannot be cancelled.
- (*) "Microsoft.NET Desktop Runtime 5.0.9 (Desktop Runtime for Windows)" is not deleted when NC Virtual Simulator is uninstalled because it may be used by other applications.

- (3) When uninstallation completes, the completion panel appears.
Press [Finish] to exit the wizard.



3. License

3.1 Types of licenses

3. License

To use NC Virtual Simulator, you need to purchase a license for NC Virtual Simulator per PC.
 The license is only valid for use on the PC of which a hardware code was obtained when application was submitted.

3.1 Types of licenses

■ **License expiration date**

NC Virtual Simulator verifies the license on a subscription basis.

The following kinds of licenses are available.

| License | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| Without expiration date | The license can be used indefinitely. |
| With expiration date (*1) | The license can be used until the date specified at the time of application. |

(*1) The license with expiration date expires the day after the expiration date (at 00:00:00).

■ **Feature license**

The license is issued for each feature. The following kinds of features are available.

| Feature | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| NC Virtual Simulator | Basic functionality of NC Virtual Simulator. Without this license, you cannot use NC Virtual Simulator. |
| Machine simulation OPTION | The functionality to check the motion of the machine using a 3D machine model. You can also check machine interference in automatic operation. |
| Smart measure OPTION | The functionality to measure a 3D space distance of the machining shape, product model, etc. in 3D machining simulation. |

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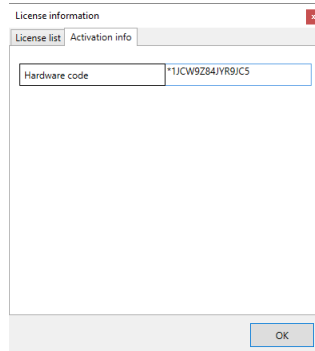
3.2 License registration

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License registration is required to use NC Virtual Simulator. When you start the tool, the "License information" dialog appears. Follow the following steps to apply for and register the license. The same steps are needed to be taken when the license is expired.

(1) Obtain hardware code

Ensure that only the Ethernet port that is used during the operation of NC Virtual Simulator is enabled, and start NC Virtual Simulator. Write down the displayed hardware code, which will be used in step (2).



(*) The hardware code is a code created based on the hardware-specific information.

(*) To verify the hardware code after the license for NC Virtual Simulator is registered, open the license information dialog box by selecting the [Help] button > [License information] in the title bar.

(2) Apply for license

Access the Web form for license issuing, and enter the following information to apply.

- Entitlement ID
- Hardware code
- User information (company name, user name, telephone number, address, email address, etc.)

For the Web form for license issuing, refer to the "NC Virtual Simulator License Application Instructions" included with the installation CD.

(3) Save license file

Save the license file sent to the email address in any folder in the PC where NC Virtual Simulator is installed.

(*) Do not change the extension (.elic) of the license file. If you change the extension, the license file will not be displayed in the browse dialog box when registering the license.

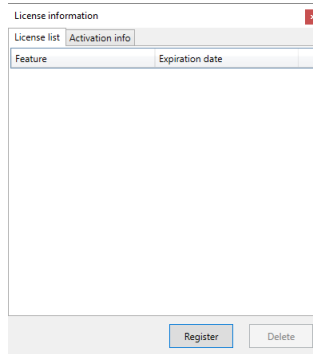
(*) The name of the license file can be changed.

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3.2 License registration

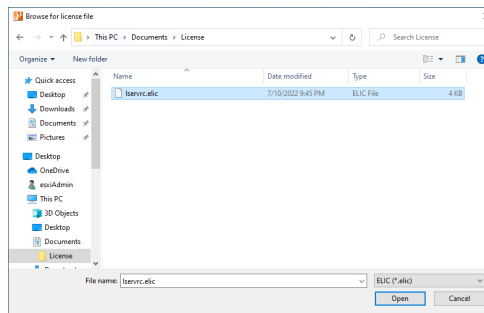
(4) Start application

When NC Virtual Simulator is started, the license information dialog box appears. Click the [Register] button in the [License list] tab.

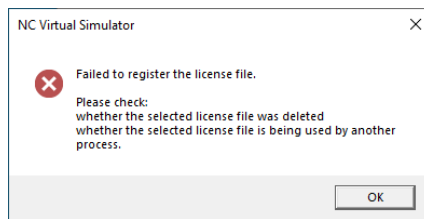


(5) Register license

Select the license file saved in step (3) and click the [Open] button.

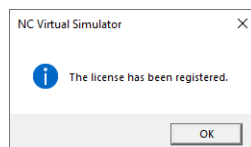


(*) If the registration of the selected license file failed, the following error dialog appears.



(6) License registration completes

When license registration completes, the following register completion dialog appears. Click the [OK] button.

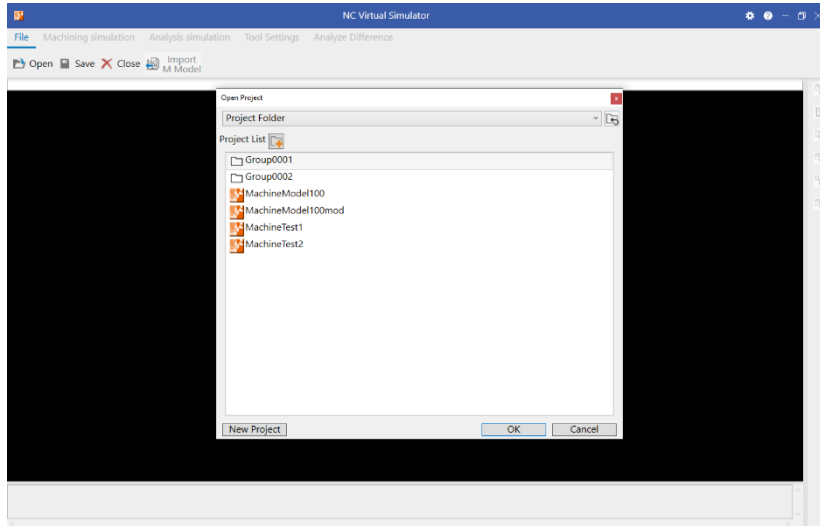


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3.2 License registration

(7) Restart application

When you restart NC Virtual Simulator after the license is registered, the Open Project dialog box appears.



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3.3 Removing expired license

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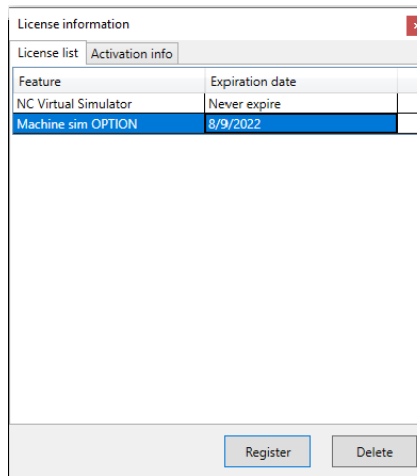
If you start NC Virtual Simulator when an expired OPTION feature is enabled, you see a message box that notifies you of the expired OPTION feature. To disable an expired OPTION feature, remove the OPTION feature by completing the following steps.

(1) Verify license list

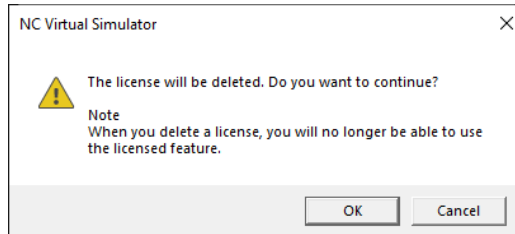
Select the [Help] button > [License information] in the title bar to open the license information dialog box.

(2) Select license to remove

Select the license you want to remove, and click the [Delete] button.



(*) If removing a license that has not expired, the following error dialog appears.



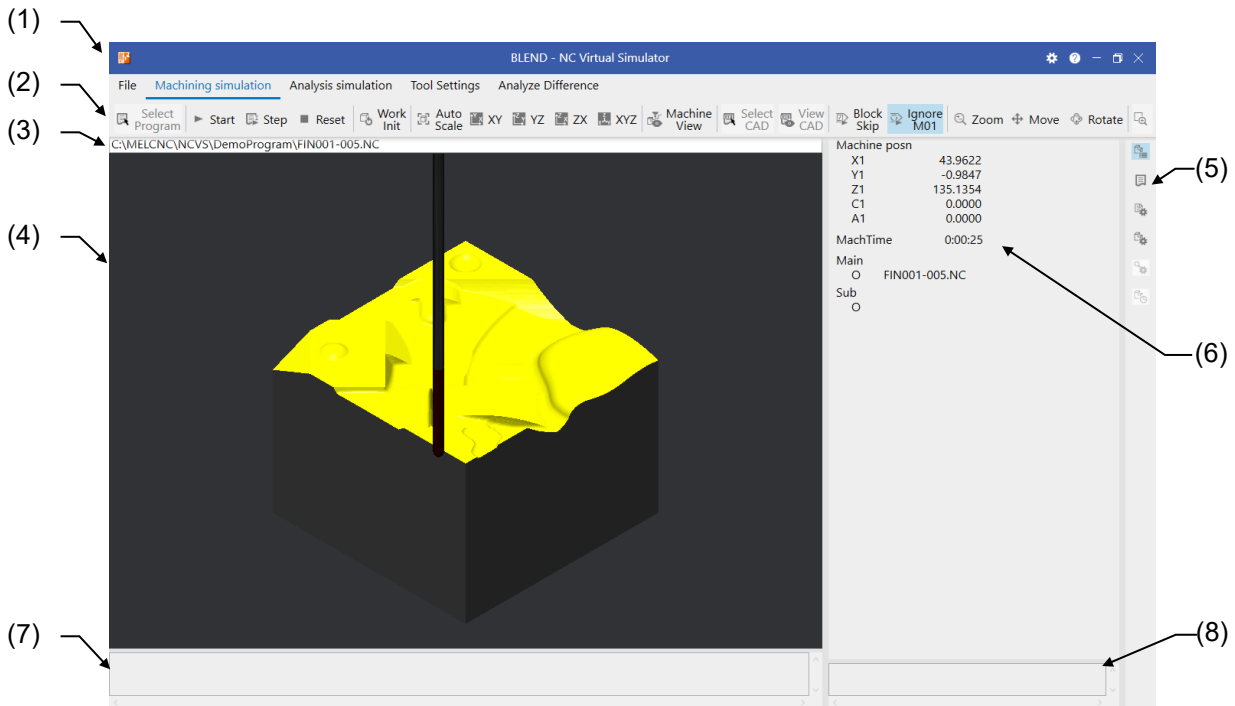
(3) License removal completes

When the license has been removed, the completion dialog appears. Click the [OK] button.

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The configuration of the application screen is as follows.



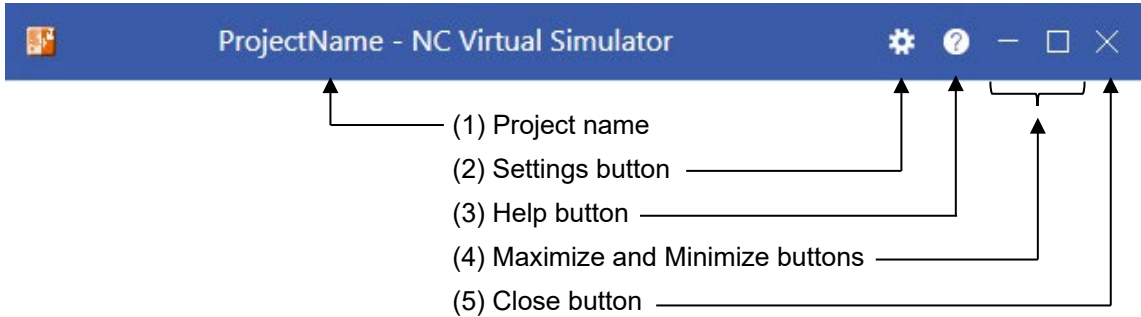
| Item | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|
| (1) Title bar | Displays the project name, the application name, the Settings button, the Help button, the Maximize and Minimize buttons, and the Close button. |
| (2) Function menu | The tabs group the icons together based on the function for which the operations of the icons are used. With the function menu, you can work with projects or execute machining simulation and other functions. |
| (3) Program path display area | Displays the file path of the machining program specified with [Select Program] for machining simulation and analysis simulation. |
| (4) Simulation display area | Displays the result of machining simulation or analysis simulation. |
| (5) Sub-display switch buttons | Displays the buttons for switching the sub-display area. |
| (6) Sub-display area | Allows you to view and set the data used in machining simulation and analysis simulation. |
| (7) Message display area | Displays the error messages that occurred during machining simulation and analysis simulation. The error messages for the alarms that occurred in simulation and on the NC are displayed. See "10 Messages" for the message contents. |
| (8) Sub-message display area | Displays the error messages that occurred in the sub-display area. |

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4.1 Title bar

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The project name, the Settings button, the Help button, the Maximize and Minimize buttons, and the Close button are displayed.



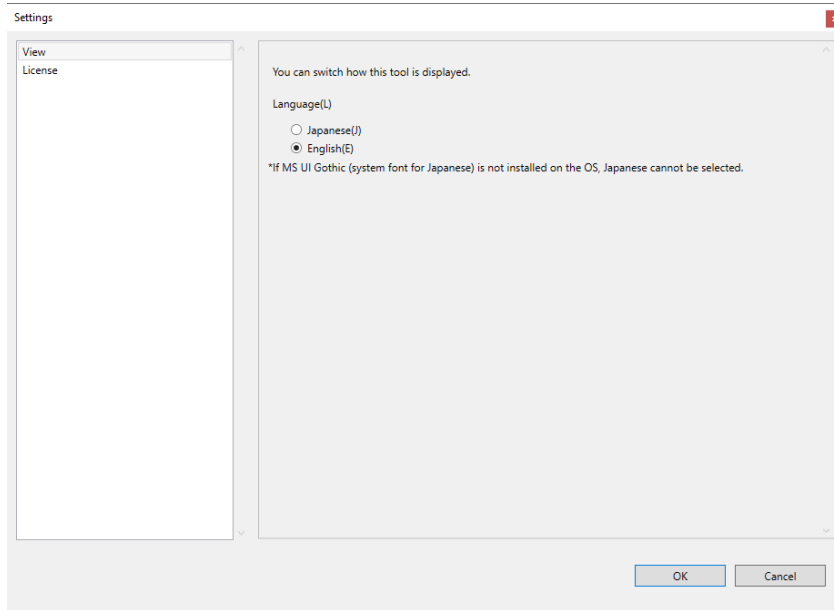
| Item | Description |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| (1) Project name | Displays the name of the currently open project. |
| (2) Settings button | Allows you to manage the settings such as the display language. |
| (3) Help button | Allows you to display the Web site and the version of NC Virtual Simulator, view and register your license. |
| (4) Maximize and Minimize buttons | Allows you to maximize and minimize NC Virtual Simulator. |
| (5) Close button | Closes NC Virtual Simulator. For detailed information, see "5.2 Exiting NC Virtual Simulator". |

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4.1 Title bar

4.1.1 Settings

With the Settings, you can switch the display language and set the notification period for license expiration.



| Item | Description |
|--|--|
| (1) View | |
| Language(_L) | Switch the display language of NC Virtual Simulator. You can choose either English or Japanese as the display language. For detailed information, see "4.1.1.1 Switching display language". |
| (2) License | |
| Notification period for license expiration | Set the notification period for license expiration. You can specify between 7 and 365 days for notification period. For detailed information, see "4.1.1.2 License expiration notification". |

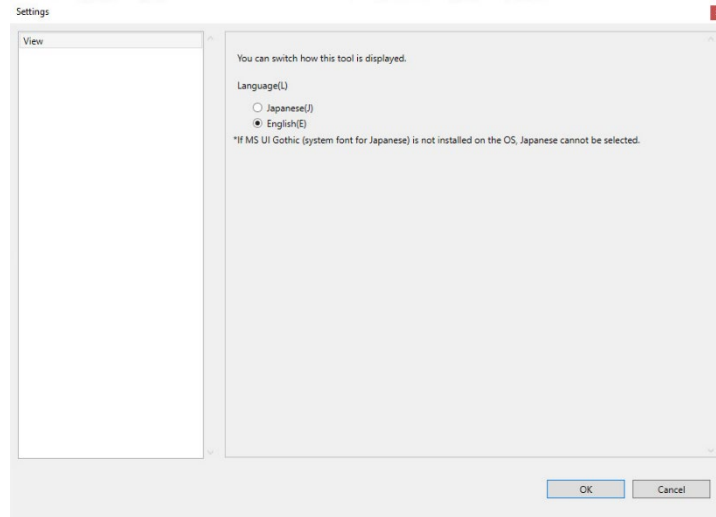
4. Configuration of application screen

4.1 Title bar

4.1.1.1 Switching display language

The following describes how to switch the display language.

- (1) Click the [Settings] button in the title bar. In the Settings dialog displayed, select your preferred language in [View] > [Language].



- (*) This setting switches the language for the menu bar, message boxes, dialog boxes, etc.
- (*) When NC Virtual Simulator is started for the first time after it is installed, the display language is dependent on Windows display language. If Japanese is set for Windows display language, Japanese is selected. If any other language is set, English is selected. Windows display language can be set from [Start] > [Settings] (gear icon) > [Time & language] > [Language].

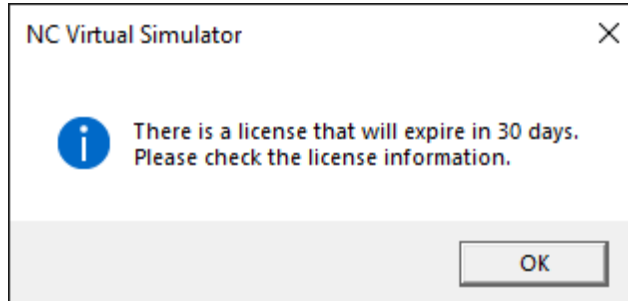
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4.1.1.2 License expiration notification

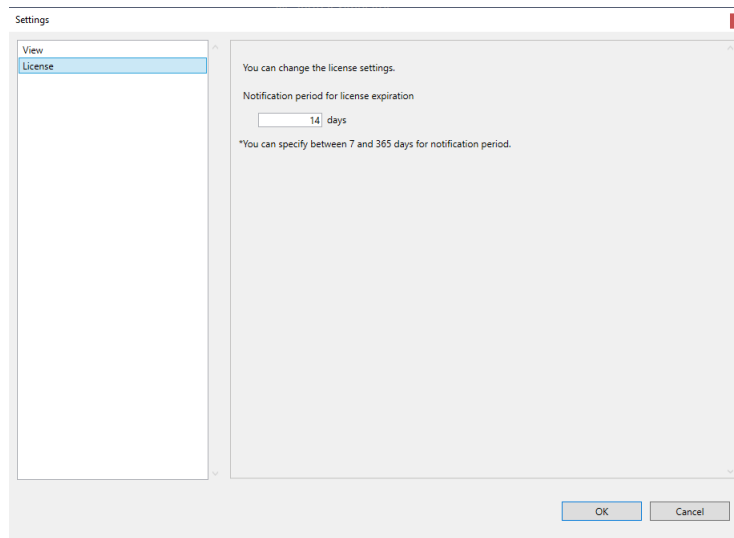
If the number of remaining days before the license expiration date is less than the number of days you set, you are notified with a message box when NC Virtual Simulator is started.

When NC Virtual Simulator is installed, the notification period is set to 14 days.



Set the notification period for license expiration with the following steps.

- (1) Click the [Settings] button in the title bar. In the Settings dialog displayed, set your preferred period in [License] - [Notification period for license expiration]. You can specify between 7 and 365 days for notification period.

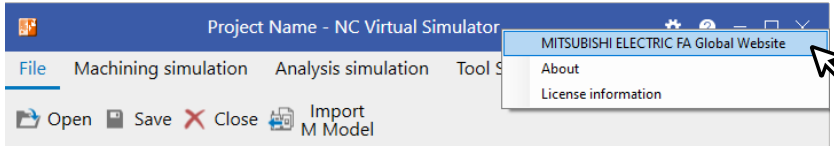


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4.1 Title bar

4.1.2 Help

With Help, you can access Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website and check the version and license information.



| Menu | Description |
|---|---|
| (1) MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC FA Global Website | Select this menu to display Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website. For detailed information, see "4.1.2.1 Accessing Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website". |
| (2) About | Select this menu to open the version information dialog box. For detailed information, see "4.1.2.2 Version information". |
| (3) License information | Select this menu to open the license information dialog box. For detailed information, see "4.1.2.3 License information". |

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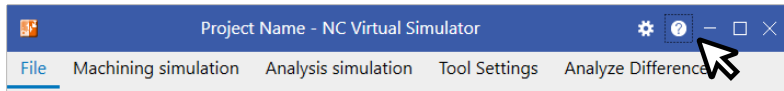
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4.1.2.1 Accessing Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website

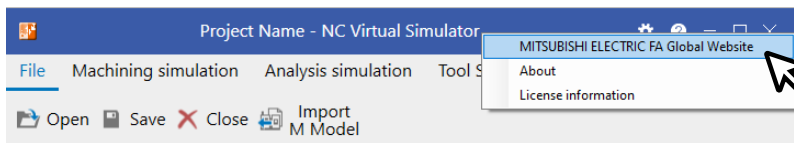
You can download the latest version of NC Virtual Simulator and the instruction manuals for CNC via Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website. To use the service, you need to create an account to register with Mitsubishi Electric FA site in advance (for free).

The following describes how to access Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website.

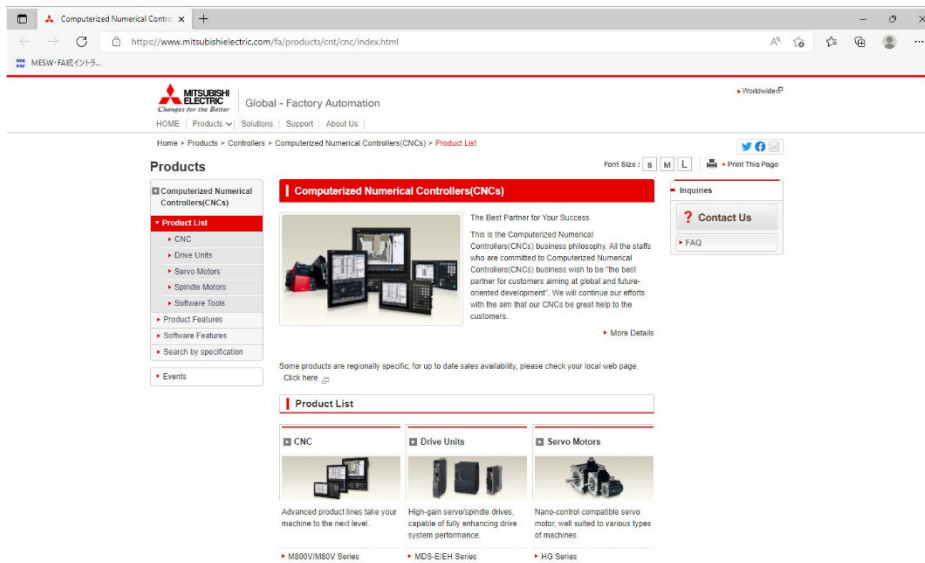
- (1) Click [?] (Help).



- (2) Click [MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC FA Global Website].



- (3) Your web browser is started and Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website is opened. You can download documents and the latest version of software.



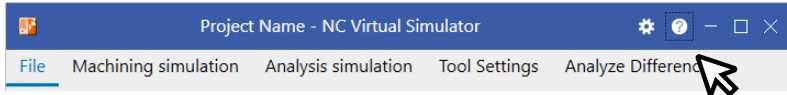
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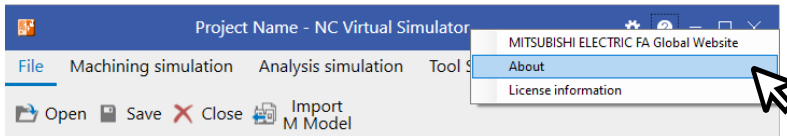
4.1.2.2 Version information

The following describes how to view the version information.

- (1) Click [?] (Help).



- (2) Click [About].



- (3) The "About" dialog box appears.



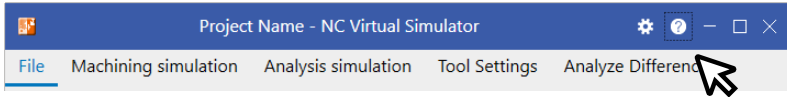
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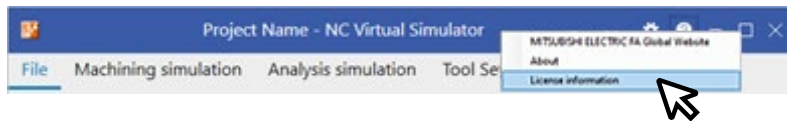
4.1.2.3 License information

The following describes how to check the license information for NC Virtual Simulator.

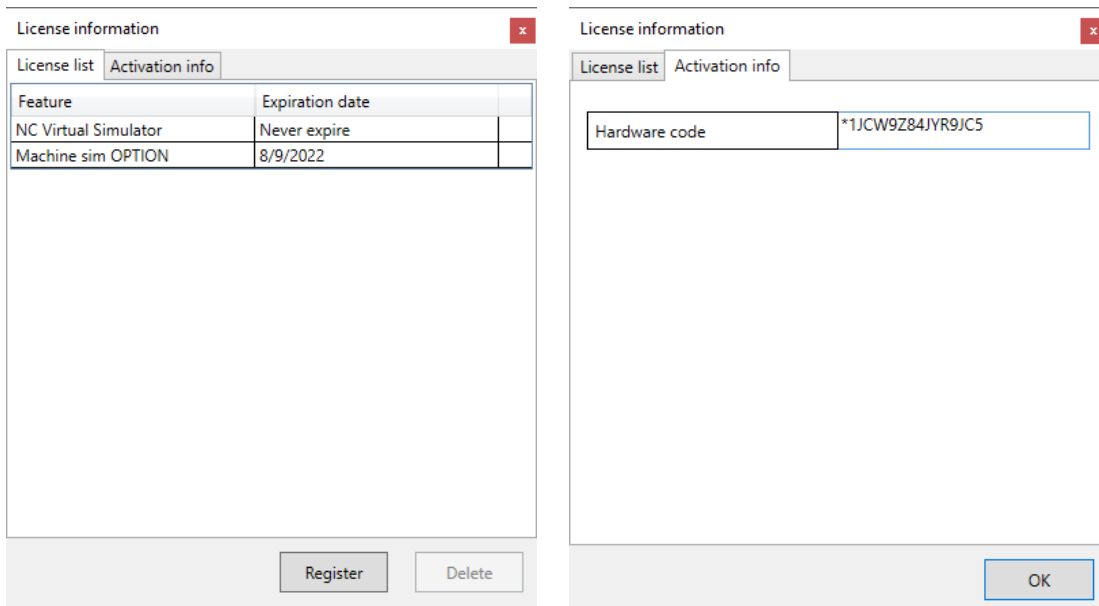
- (1) Click [?] (Help).



- (2) Click [License information].



- (3) The "License information" dialog box appears.
To check the hardware code, click the [Activation info] tab.

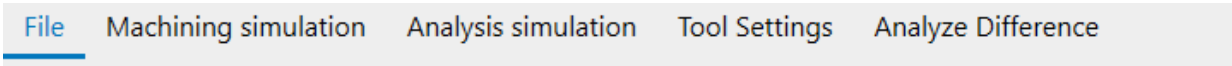


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4.2 Function menu

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With the function menu, you can perform operations such as to manage projects and work with machining simulation.



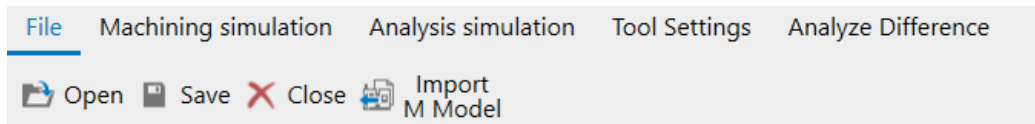
| Tab | Description | Command Details |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| (1) File | You can open, create and save a project, import a machine model, and perform other project-related operations. | - |
| (2) Machining simulation | You can run machining simulation, initialize the workpiece, display machine simulation, and perform other machining simulation-related operations. | 6.1.2 Machining simulation commands |
| (3) Analysis simulation | You can run analysis simulation, enable auto-scale and program link, and perform other analysis simulation-related operations. | 7.1.2 Analysis simulation commands |
| (4) Tool Settings | You can set tool data. | 8.2 Tool settings commands |
| (5) Analyze Difference | You can compare the past analysis simulation results. | 9.1.2 Simulation difference analysis commands |

(*) If you select a tab other than the one currently selected while simulation is running, simulation is paused.

(1) [File] tab

NC Virtual Simulator manages the settings required for running the virtual NC system digitally (on the PC) as projects (*1).

With the [File] tab, you can work with projects, including open, create, save and close a project, and import a machine model.



| Command | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| (1) Open | Create or open a project. For detailed information, see the following sections. "5.3.1 Creating a new project" "5.3.2 Opening a project" |
| (2) Save | Save the currently open project. |
| (3) Close | Close the currently open project. |
| (4) Import M Model | Import a machine model to be used in machining simulation. For detailed information, see the following section. "5.4 Importing machine model to NC Virtual Simulator" |

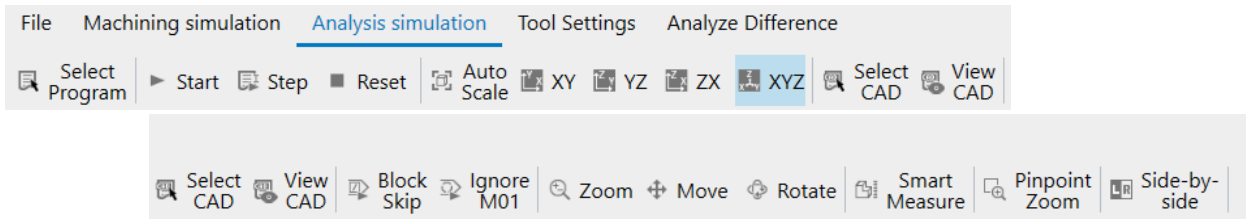
(*1) Projects are stored in the project storage folder, which is the "\Project" folder under the data file folder (Default: "C:\MELCNC\NCVS").

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4.2 Function menu

(2) [Machining simulation] tab

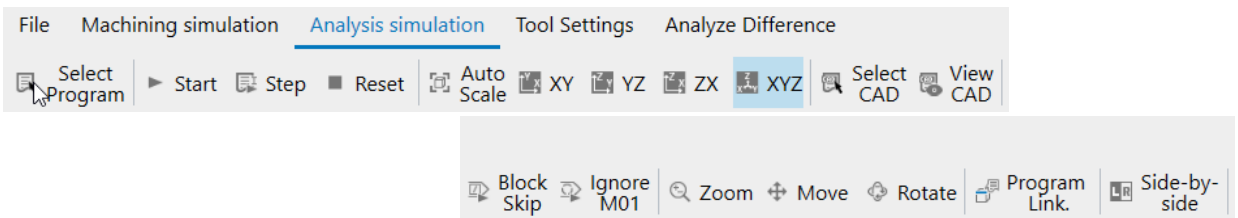
With the [Machining simulation] tab, you can run machining simulation, initialize the workpiece, display machining simulation, and perform other operations.



For detailed information about machining simulation, see "6 Machining simulation".

(3) [Analysis simulation] tab

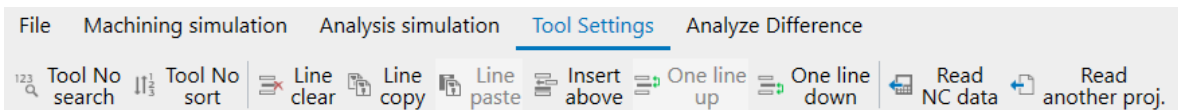
With the [Analysis simulation] tab, you can run analysis simulation and perform other operations such as auto-scale and program link.



For detailed information about analysis simulation, see "7 Analysis simulation".

(4) [Tool Settings] tab

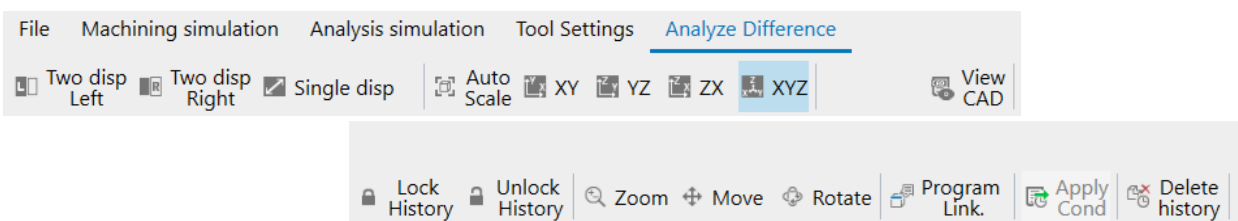
With the [Tool Settings] tab, you can set the tool to be used in machining simulation and analysis simulation.



For detailed information about tool settings, see "8 Tool settings".

(5) [Analyze Difference] tab

With the [Analyze Difference] tab, you can compare the past analysis simulation results on two screens.



For detailed information about difference analysis, see "9 Simulation difference analysis".

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4.3 Sub-display area

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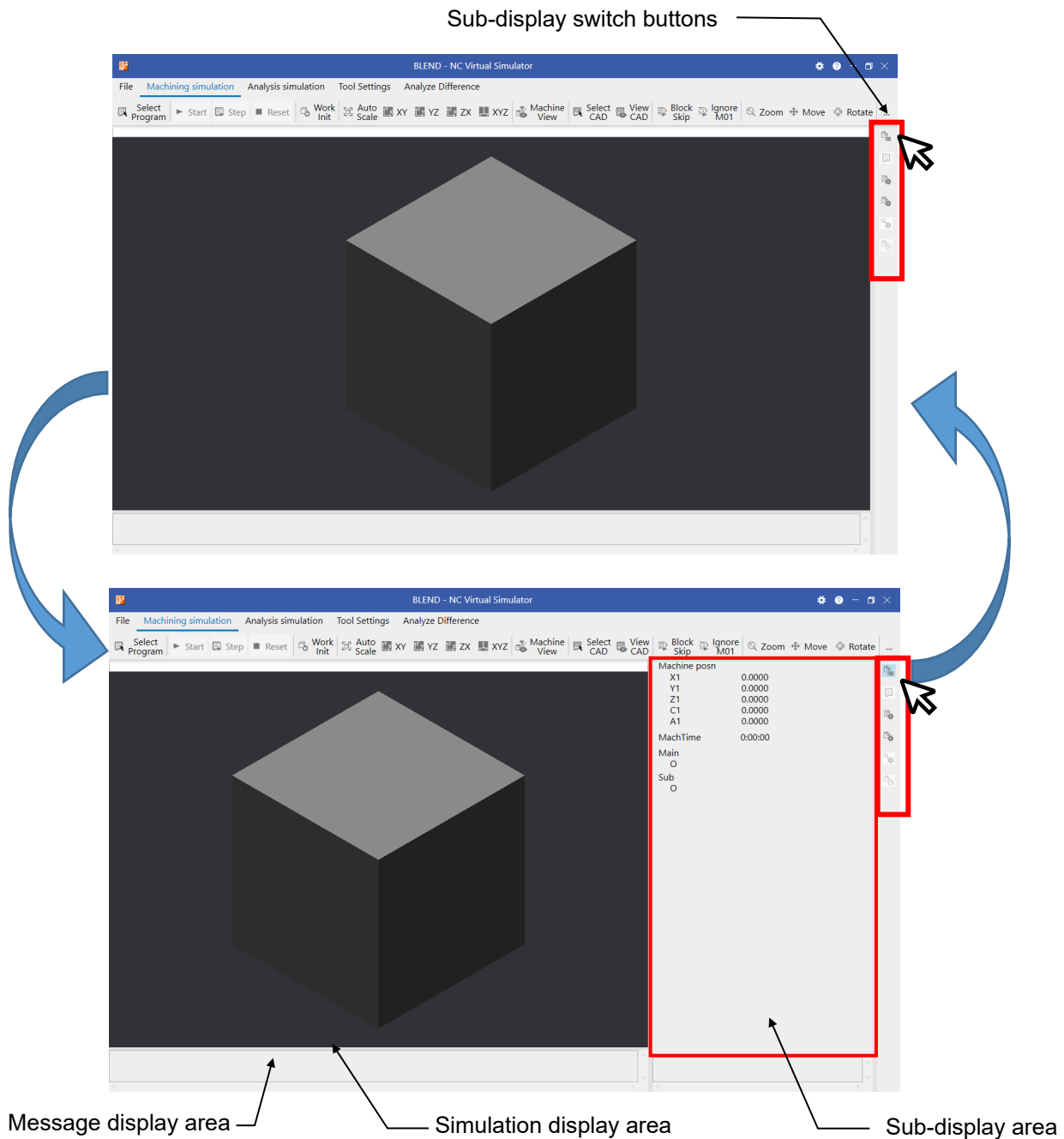
The sub-display area displays the processing status, machining program, NC data list, simulation settings, and other information. To switch the display in the sub-display area, click a sub-display switch button.

4.3.1 Showing and hiding sub-display area

The sub-display area is not displayed right after you start NC Virtual Simulator.

Click a sub-display switch button to show the sub-display area.

Click the selected sub-display switch button to hide the sub-display area.

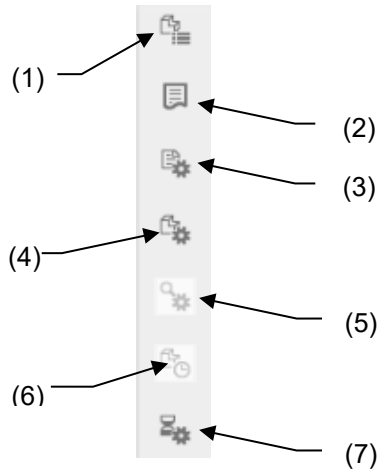


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4.3 Sub-display area

4.3.2 Sub-display switch buttons

You can view the processing status of machining programs by clicking the sub-display switch button to expand the sub-display area. You can also perform the settings required for simulation in the sub-display area.



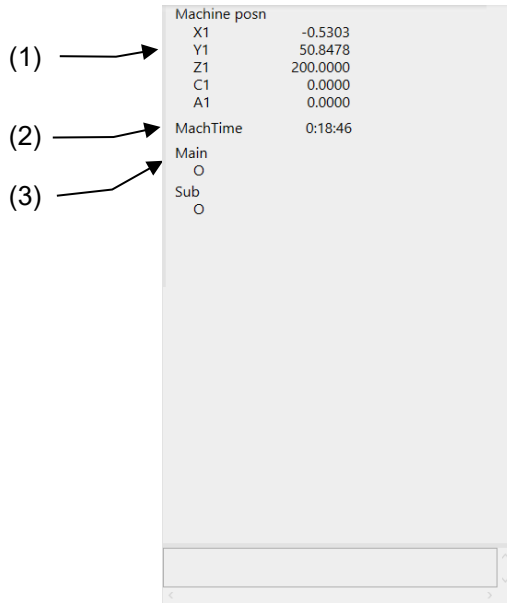
| | Icon | Description | Reference |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Display processing status | Click this icon to display the processing status in the sub-display. You can view the counters, machining time, machining program name and other information about simulation in the processing status display. | 4.3.2.1 Processing status display |
| 2 | Display program | Click this icon to display the machining program in the sub-display. You can view the program to be simulated in the machining program display. | 4.3.2.2 Machining program display |
| 3 | NC Data List | Click this icon to display the NC data list in the sub-display. You can edit the parameters, coordinate system, common variables, and tool offsets in the NC data list. | 4.3.2.3 NC data list |
| 4 | Machining simulation settings | Click this icon to display the Machining simulation settings in the sub-display. You can configure settings such as the interference check, simulation priority, and workpiece. This icon is not selectable during analysis simulation and simulation comparison display. | 4.3.2.4 Machining simulation settings |
| 5 | Analysis simulation settings | Click this icon to display the Analysis simulation settings in the sub-display. You can configure settings such as the analysis type, color map, and axis reversal. The settings are applied to both displayed screens during simulation comparison display. This icon is not selectable during machining simulation. | 4.3.2.5 Analysis simulation settings |
| 6 | Simulation History | Click this icon to display the simulation history in the sub-display. You can configure settings of the simulation results to be compared and the screen display. This icon is not selectable during machining simulation and analysis simulation. | 4.3.2.6 Simulation history |
| 7 | Machining time prediction setting | Click this icon to display the Machining time prediction setting in the sub-display. You can set the execution time to add to the predicted machining time. | 4.3.2.7 Machining time prediction setting |

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4.3 Sub-display area

4.3.2.1 Processing status display

The processing status of the machining program during simulation is displayed.



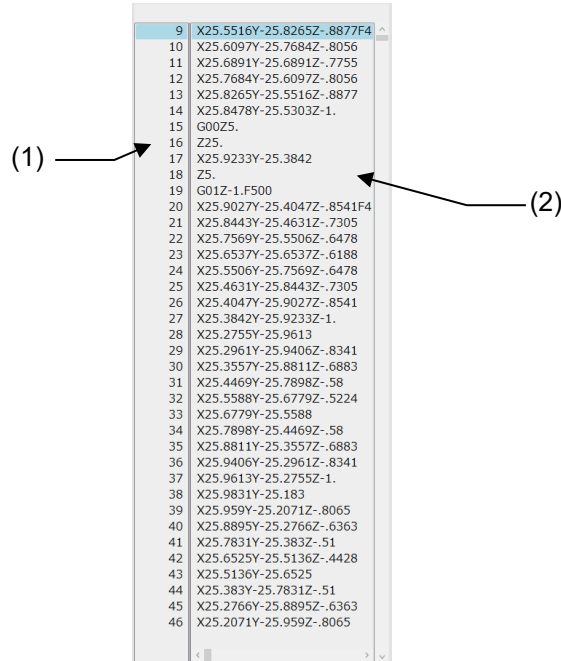
| Item | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| (1) Counter | Displays the machine coordinate counters for the part system displayed. Displays all axes that belong to the part system displayed. |
| (2) Machining time | Displays the time required for the machining. |
| (3) Current program | Displays the program number of the currently running program. When the full program number cannot be displayed, "... " appears at the end to indicate omission. |
| Main | |
| Sub | When a subprogram is running, the program number of the subprogram is also displayed. |

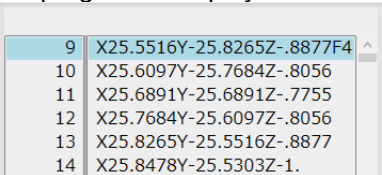
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4.3 Sub-display area

4.3.2.2 Machining program display

The machining program to simulate is displayed.



| Item | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| (1) Line number | Displays the line number in the machining program. |
| (2) Machining program | <p>Displays the content of the machining program. When simulation is running, the block being executed is displayed in the first line and highlighted. When a subprogram is running, the content of the subprogram is displayed.</p>  <p>When simulation is stopped, the scroll bar can be used. Only the mouse can be used to scroll.</p> |

(Note 1) Only the machining programs stored in the same folder as the selected main program can be displayed. When a subprogram in a location other than the HD is called by the macro call function, etc., if another file of the same program name exists in the main program folder, the file in the main program folder is opened.

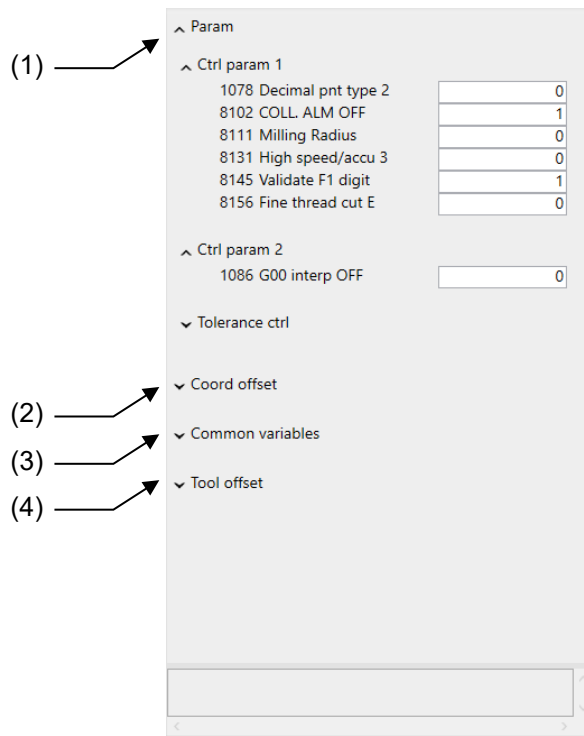
(Note 2) The displayed machining program is write-protected and cannot be edited from an application such as CAM.

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4.3 Sub-display area

4.3.2.3 NC data list

You can set various NC data for machining (e.g., coordinate system offset, common variables).



| Item | Description | Range of values |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| (1) Param | You can view and set simulation-related parameters. These settings cannot be configured while simulation is running. | - |
| Ctrl param 1 | You can view and set control parameter 1. | - |
| 1078 Decimal pnt type 2 | Specify the unit for position commands without a decimal point. | 0/1 |
| 8102 COLL. ALM OFF | Specify how to control the interference with the workpiece from the tool radius in tool radius compensation. | |
| 8111 Milling Radius | Specify whether diameter or radius is specified for the linear axis with which milling (cylindrical/polar coordinate) interpolation is performed. | |
| 8131 High speed/accu 3 | Specify whether to treat high-speed high-accuracy control II commands as high-speed high-accuracy control III commands. | |
| 8145 Validate F1 digit | Specify how to program F commands, whether by using a 1-digit code or by directly specifying a number. | |
| 8156 Fine thread cut E | Specify what address E specifies for inch screw cutting. | |
| Ctrl param 2 | You can view and set control parameter 2. | - |
| G00 interp OFF | Specify the type of traversing path for G00 | 0/1 |

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4.3 Sub-display area

| Item | Description | Range of values |
|---|--|--|
| Tolerance ctrl | The following are displayed when tolerance control is on. | - |
| Machining condition | Choose a machining condition from the pull-down menu. | P0, 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3 |
| Machining condition name | Displays the value of the machining condition equivalent to G120.1 P_Q_. | - |
| 1206 G1bF (Maximum speed) | Set the cutting feedrate applied to pre-interpolation acceleration/deceleration. | 1 to 999999 (mm/min) |
| 1207 G1btL (Time constant) | Set the cutting feed time constant applied to pre-interpolation acceleration/deceleration. | Without high-accuracy control time constant extension 0 to 5000 (msec) With high-accuracy control time constant extension 0 to 30000 (msec) |
| Cutting feed Acc | Displays the result of the calculation from #1206 and #1207. (a) Cutting feed acceleration $acc = \frac{G1bF / 60}{G1btL / 1000} \times \frac{1}{9.80665 \times 1000}$ | - |
| 1568 SfiltG1 (G01 soft acceleration/deceleration filter) | Set the time constant of the filter that smoothes out the change in acceleration applied to the cutting feed acceleration when pre-interpolation acceleration/deceleration is active. | 0 to 200 (ms) |
| Notch frequency Hz | Displays the result of the calculation from #1568. (b) Notch frequency (SfiltG1) $f = \frac{1}{SfiltG1 / 1000}$ | - |
| 2659 tolerance (Tolerance) | Set the tolerance (allowable error) applied to tolerance control. | 0.000 to 100.000 (mm) |
| 12070 Sfilt2_tol (Tolerance control: Soft acceleration/deceleration filter 2) | Set the time constant of the filter that smoothes out the change in acceleration during tolerance control. | 0 to 200 (ms) |
| (2) Coord offset | You can view and set the simulation-related coordinate systems. The number of sets of extended workpiece coordinate systems that can be displayed varies depending on the option. These settings cannot be configured while simulation is running. | - |
| EXT | Displays the set value of the external workpiece coordinate offset. | -99999.999 to 99999.999 |
| G54-G59 | Displays the set value of the workpiece coordinate system. | |

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4.3 Sub-display area

| Item | Description | Range of values |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| G54.1P | When P number of extended workpiece coordinate offset is set, you can view and set the extended workpiece coordinate offset of that P number. This item is displayed only when extended workpiece coordinate system selection (48 sets, 96 sets, 300 sets) is enabled. | (P number) 1 to 300 *Varies depending on the number of extended workpiece coordinate systems. (Offset) -99999.999 to 99999.999 |
| (3) Common variables | You can view and set the simulation-related common variables. These settings cannot be configured while simulation is running. | - |
| First common var. number | Set the first number of the common variables to be displayed. #400 to #499 are available when the number of sets of common variables is 700 or greater and parameter "#1336 (#400_Valtype) " is "1". Extended common variables cannot be specified. | 100 to 199, 400 to 999 |
| #n to #n + 9 | Display ten common variable numbers from the first common variable number (n). The variable names cannot be displayed or set. | -999,999,999 to 999,999,999 |
| (4) Tool offset | You can view and set the simulation-related tool offsets. The items displayed vary depending on the compensation type. These settings cannot be configured while simulation is running. *When tool compensation type III (#1037=3/#1046=1) is selected, tool offsets are not displayed. | - |
| First number of tool offset | Set the first number of tool offset to be displayed. | 1 to 999 |
| #n to #n + 9 | Displays ten offsets from the first number (n) of tool offset. When compensation type I (#1037=1/#1046=0) is selected, "offset" is displayed. When compensation type II (#1037=2/#1046=0) is selected, "length offset/length wear amount" and "radius offset/radius wear amount" are displayed. | -9999.999 to 9999.999 |

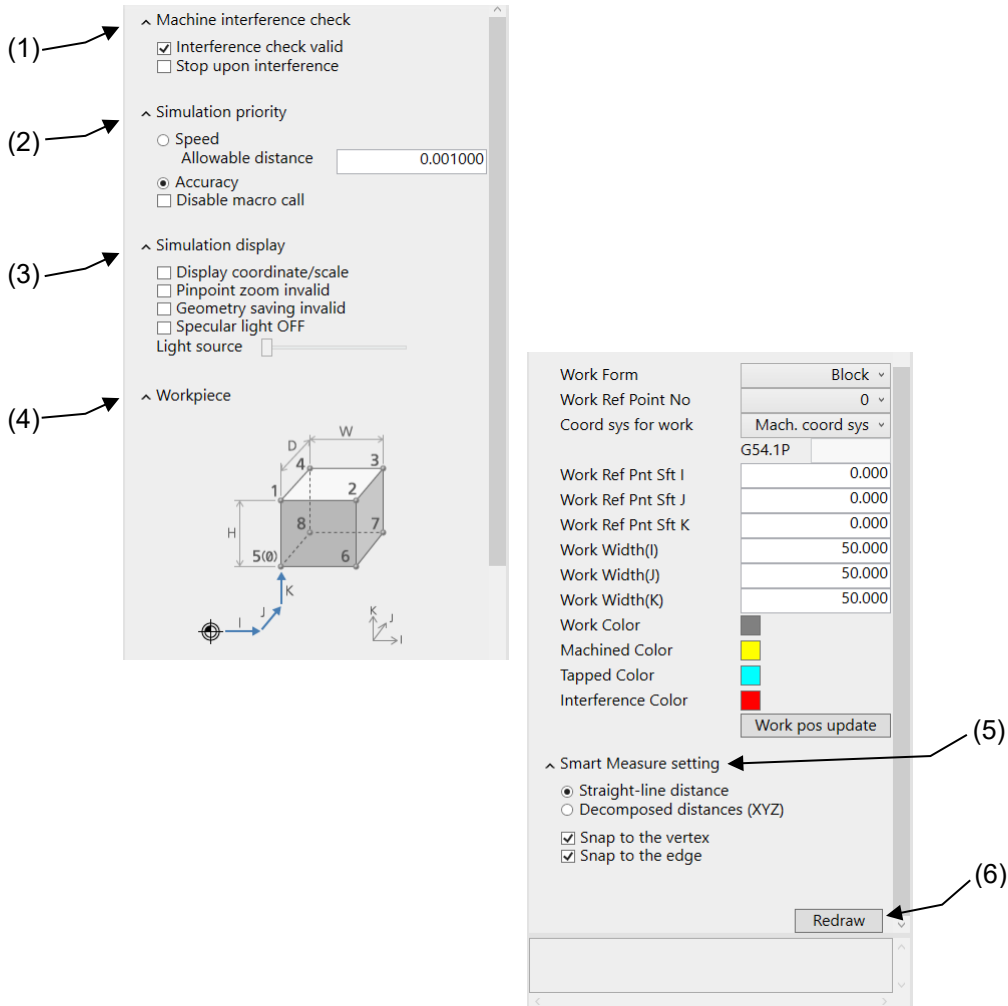
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4.3.2.4 Machining simulation settings

You can set parameters related to machining simulation operation and display, and workpiece shapes and dimensions.

For details, see "6 Machining simulation".



| Item | Description | Range of values |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| (1) Machine interference check | Interference check-related settings | - |
| Interference check valid | When this checkbox is checked, interference between the tool, workpiece, and machine parts is checked when simulation is run. If interference is detected, an alarm is displayed. | ON/OFF |
| Stop upon interference | When this checkbox is checked, simulation is stopped when interference is detected in interference check. | ON/OFF |
| (2) Simulation priority | Select the simulation priority. You cannot switch the simulation priority while simulation is running. When you switch the simulation priority after simulation finishes, click [Start] or [Step] again. Simulation is run according to the priority you selected. | Speed/Accuracy |

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| Item | | Description | Range of values |
|------|---------------------------|---|---|
| | Speed | Use this option to check contours that do not need to be highly precise, such as roughing and semi-finishing (simulation time is optimized). | - |
| | Allowable distance | Set the distance in which cutting points are omitted while simulation is running. The closer to zero the value, the more accurate and slower the simulation becomes. (Default: 0.001) | 0, 0.001 to 1.0 (mm) |
| | Accuracy | Use this option to check contours that need to be highly precise, such as finishing (simulation accuracy is optimized). | - |
| | Disable macro call | Disables the user macro program call by macro call of miscellaneous command (macro call of M, S, T, B codes). | ON/OFF |
| (3) | Simulation display | Simulation display-related settings | - |
| | Display coordinate/scale | When this checkbox is checked, the directions of the coordinate system and the scale for the view range are displayed in the 3D graphics area. | ON/OFF |
| | Pinpoint zoom invalid | When this checkbox is checked, the [Pinpoint zoom] command is not selectable. When "Simulation stopped because the memory usage reached the upper limit." is displayed in the message display area, check the checkbox and start simulation. | ON/OFF |
| | Geometry saving invalid | When this checkbox is checked, the workpiece shape of the machining simulation is not saved when the project is saved. (Default: OFF) Check the checkbox when it takes time to save or open a project. By doing so, it takes less time to save and open the project. | ON/OFF |
| | Specular light OFF | When this checkbox is checked, the reflected light on the workpiece is reduced. (Default: OFF) | ON/OFF |
| | Light source | Set the light source position. Move the slider right or left to move the light source position. (*1) The light source position moves in the order of upper right (the leftmost of the slider) → right → lower right → bottom → lower left → left → upper left → top (the rightmost of the slider). | 8 levels |
| (4) | Workpiece | Workpiece-related settings | - |
| | Workpiece guide figure | Displays the guide figure for the set workpiece. (*2) | - |
| | Work Form | Select the work form (the shape of the workpiece). | Block/Pipe |
| | When [Work Form] is Block | | |
| | Work Ref Point No | Select the reference point number of the workpiece. | 0 to 8 |
| | Coord sys for work | Select the coordinate system for the workpiece. The coordinate of the workpiece is determined by regarding the selected coordinate system offset as a reference point. | Machine coordinate system, G54 to G59, G54.1P |
| | G54.1P | Specify the P number of when the extended workpiece coordinate system "G54.1P" is selected for [Coord sys for work]. This is displayed only when extended workpiece coordinate system selection (48 sets, 96 sets, 300 sets) is enabled. | 1 to 300 (*) Varies depending on the number of extended workpiece coordinate systems. |

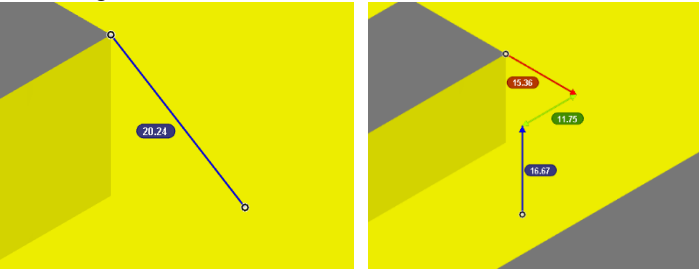
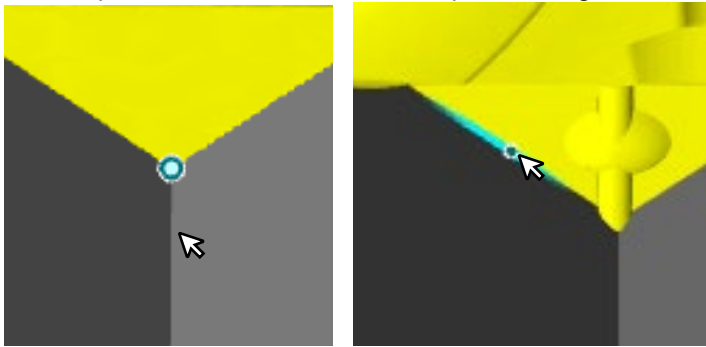
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| Item | Description | Range of values |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Work Ref Pnt Sft I | Specify the shift amount of the reference point of the workpiece from the coordinate system offset position selected with [Coord sys for work]. | -99999.999 to 99999.999 (mm) |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft J | | |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft K | | |
| Work Width (I) | Specify the dimension of the workpiece. | Value range: 0.001 to 99999.999 (mm) |
| Work Width (J) | | |
| Work Width (K) | | |
| Work Color | Specify the colors of the workpiece, machined surface, tapped surface, and interfering surface. When the workpiece is displayed for the first time, the following colors are selected. Work Color: Gray Machined Color: Yellow Tapped Color: Light blue Interference Color: Red | The colors in the color setting window |
| Machined Color | | |
| Tapped Color | | |
| Interference Color | | |
| Work pos update button | Applies changes of the workpiece reference point coordinate to the machining simulation window. This is enabled when [Work Form], [Work Ref Point No], [Coord sys for work] or [Work Ref Pnt Sft I/J/K] is changed. | - |
| When [Work Form] is Pipe | | |
| Work Ref Point No | Select the reference point number of the workpiece. | 0 to 1 |
| Coord sys for work | Select the coordinate system for the workpiece. The coordinate of the workpiece is determined by regarding the selected coordinate system offset as a reference point. | Machine coordinate system, G54 to G59, G54.1P |
| G54.1P | Specify the P number of when the extended workpiece coordinate system "G54.1P" is selected for [Coord sys for work]. This is displayed only when extended workpiece coordinate system selection (48 sets, 96 sets, 300 sets) is enabled. | 1 to 300 (*) Varies depending on the number of extended workpiece coordinate systems. |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft I | Specify the shift amount of the reference point of the workpiece from the coordinate system offset position selected with [Coord sys for work]. | -99999.999 to 99999.999 (mm) |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft J | | |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft K | | |
| Extrnl Diameter D | Set the external diameter of the workpiece. (Default: 150 mm) | 0.001 to 99999.999 (mm) |
| Inner Diameter E | Set the inner diameter of the hole of the workpiece. (Default: 0) | |
| Work Length L | Set the length of the workpiece. (Default: 300 mm) | |
| Display direction | Select the display orientation of the workpiece. | Horizontal/V ertical |
| Work Color | Specify the colors of the workpiece, machined surface, tapped surface, and interfering surface. When the workpiece is displayed for the first time, the following colors are selected. Work Color: Gray Machined Color: Yellow Tapped Color: Light blue Interference Color: Red | The colors in the color setting window |
| Machined Color | | |
| Tapped Color | | |
| Interference Color | | |

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| Item | Description | Range of values |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Work pos update button | Applies changes of the workpiece reference point coordinate to the machining simulation window. This is enabled when [Work Form], [Work Ref Point No], [Coord sys for work] or [Work Ref Pnt Sft I/J/K] is changed. | - |
| (5) Smart Measure setting | Smart measurement-related settings (Optional function) | - |
| Measurement mode | <p>There are the following measurement modes.</p> <p><Straight-line distance> <Decomposed distances (XYZ)></p>  | Straight-line distance/Decomposed distances (XYZ) |
| Straight-line distance | Displays the distance between two points as a measurement value of the straight line. (Default: 0) | - |
| Decomposed distances (XYZ) | Displays the distance between two points as a measurement value of the decomposed orthogonal three axes (XYZ). | - |
| Measurement option | <p>There are the following measurement options.</p> <p><Snap to the vertex> <Snap to the edge></p>  | Snap to the vertex/Snap to the edge |
| Snap to the vertex | When this checkbox is checked, snap to the vertex is enabled. (Default: ON) When the mouse cursor is moved close to a vertex, the vertex is highlighted so that it is easier to select the measurement point | ON/OFF |
| Snap to the edge | When this checkbox is checked, snap to the edge shape of straight line or arc is enabled. (Default: ON) When the mouse cursor is moved close to the edge of straight line or arc, the edge is highlighted so that it is easier to select the measurement point. | ON/OFF |

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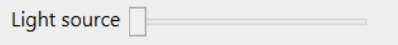
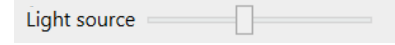
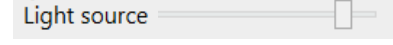

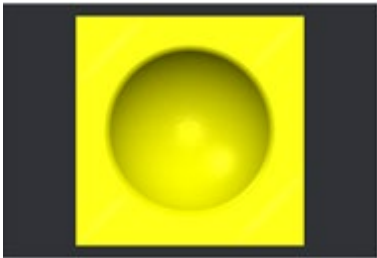
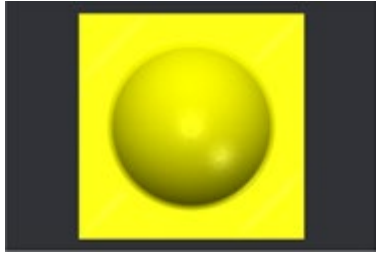
| | Item | Description | Range of values |
|-----|---------------|--|-----------------|
| (6) | Redraw button | <p>Redraws the last executed machining simulation result at high speed. The progress window appears during the redraw, and the other operations are not available. When [Cancel] is clicked on the progress window, the redraw can be stopped. While simulation is running, the redraw cannot be performed even by clicking this button.</p> <p>When the simulation history of the [Simulation history] sub-display is selected and [Apply Cond to project] is performed, the redraw can be performed with the selected history simulation result.</p> | - |

(Note) If there is a large difference between the values of Work Width (I), Work Width (J) and Work Width (K), or excessively small values are set, the error message "Out of range." appears. Correct the set values.

(Example1) Work Width (I) 1000; Work Width (J) 0.099 or smaller

(Example2) Work Width (I) 0.100 or smaller; Work Width (J) 0.100 or smaller; Work Width (K) 0.100 or smaller

(*1) When the slider position (8 levels) is changed, the light source position is moved as follows.

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>Slider position: 1/8</p>  | <p>Slider position: 4/8</p>  | <p>Slider position: 7/8</p>  |
| <p>Light source position: Upper right</p>  | <p>Light source position: Bottom</p>  | <p>Light source position: Upper left</p>  |

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(*2) The guide figure is switched according to the Work Form specified.

| Work Form | Guide figure | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | Vertical machining center | Horizontal machining center | |
| | | X axis is vertical | Y axis is vertical |
| Block | | | |
| Cylinder/Pipe | | | |

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4.3.2.5 Analysis simulation settings

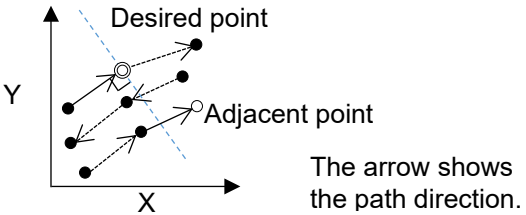
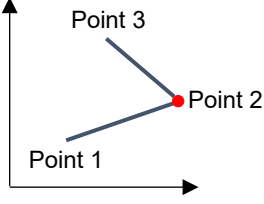
You can set parameters related to analysis simulation operation and display.
For details, see "7 Analysis simulation".



| Item | Description | Range of values | |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| (1) Simulation priority | Select the simulation priority. When you switch the simulation priority after simulation finishes, click [Start] or [Step] again. Simulation is run according to the priority you selected. | Speed/Accuracy | |
| | Speed | | Use this option to check contours that do not need to be highly precise, such as roughing and semi-finishing (simulation time is optimized). |
| | Accuracy | | Use this option to check contours that need to be highly precise, such as finishing (simulation accuracy is optimized). |
| Disable macro call | Disables the user macro program call by macro call of miscellaneous command (macro call of M, S, T, B codes). | ON/OFF | |
| (2) Analysis Type | Select the type of analysis. (Default: Position) | Position, Feed Map, Acceleration Map, Posit. Diff Map, Feed Diff Map, CAD model error, Axis Reversal | |
| | Position | | Shows the machining shape that represents the coordinates of the position data. This is used to check the tool path. |
| | Feed Map | | Visualizes the feedrate obtained from the position data of the axis selected by [Axis Selection] as a color map. This is used to check the change in feedrate. |
| Acceleration Map | Visualizes the acceleration obtained from the position data of the axis selected by [Axis Selection] as a color map. This is used to check the change in acceleration. | | |

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| Item | Description | Range of values |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| <p>Posit. Diff Map</p> | <p>Visualizes the position change amount of the axis selected by [Axis Selection], as a color map. The change amount is obtained from the adjacent path in the same machining direction. This is used to check the degree of variation of adjacent path position.</p> <p>Position difference is a position difference between the desired point (⊙) and the adjacent point (○). The position difference is converted into an absolute position and displayed on the line segment till the desired point in a color map.</p>  <p>(Note1) The adjacent point is searched for among only adjacent points on the XY plane.</p> <p>(Note2) When the screen is changed to another screen while [Posit. Diff Map] is selected and the screen is returned to the analysis simulation screen, the simulation graphic is not updated. To update the view, click the [Update] button.</p> | |
| <p>Feed Diff Map</p> | <p>Visualizes the speed change amount of the axis selected by [Axis Selection], as a color map. The change amount is obtained from the adjacent path in the same machining direction. This is used to check the degree of variation of adjacent path speed.</p> <p>Speed difference is a speed difference between the desired point (⊙) and the adjacent point (○). The speed difference is converted into an absolute position and displayed on the line segment till the desired point in a color map.</p> | |
| <p>CAD model error</p> | <p>Visualizes errors between the machining program path and the product CAD model shape on the path as a color map.</p> | |
| <p>Axis Reversal</p> | <p>Maps the positions where X, Y, or Z axis is reversed (points of switchover between plus and minus in the position data) with a red plot point. This is used to check the position where the direction of the axis is reversed.</p> <p>(Example) Where X axis is reversed If the direction (positive/negative) is reversed between traverse from Point 1 to Point 2 and traverse from Point 2 to Point 3, Point 2 is indicated as an axis reversal position.</p>  | |

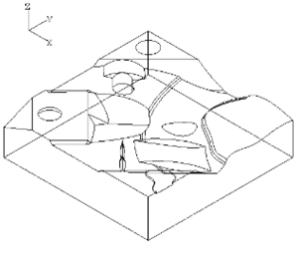
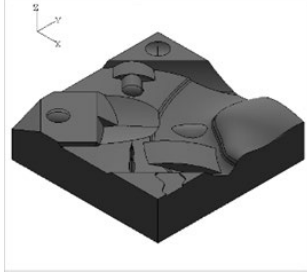
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| Item | Description | Range of values | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| (3) Display all data | When the [Display all data] checkbox is checked, both cutting feed and non-cutting feed (rapid traverse) are displayed. When the [Display all data] checkbox is not checked, only the cutting feed is displayed. (Default: OFF) | ON/OFF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) Color Map | <p>This is a parameter to visualize the feedrate, acceleration, position difference map, speed difference map and error amount between product CAD model and tool contact point from the position data, with color maps.</p> <p>This item is enabled only when [Feed Map], [Acceleration Map], [Posit. Diff Map], [Feed Diff Map] or [CAD model error] is selected for "Analysis Type".</p> <p>The units of the minimum and maximum values are as follows.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Analysis type</th> <th>Position data</th> <th>Unit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Feed map</td> <td>mm</td> <td>mm/min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>inch</td> <td>inch/min</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Acceleration map</td> <td>mm</td> <td>m/s²</td> </tr> <tr> <td>inch</td> <td>inch/s²</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Posit. Diff Map</td> <td>mm</td> <td>mm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>inch</td> <td>inch</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Feed Diff Map</td> <td>mm</td> <td>mm/min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>inch</td> <td>inch/min</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">CAD model error</td> <td>mm</td> <td>mm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>inch</td> <td>inch</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Analysis type | Position data | Unit | Feed map | mm | mm/min | inch | inch/min | Acceleration map | mm | m/s ² | inch | inch/s ² | Posit. Diff Map | mm | mm | inch | inch | Feed Diff Map | mm | mm/min | inch | inch/min | CAD model error | mm | mm | inch | inch | - |
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| Feed map | mm | mm/min | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| CAD model error | mm | mm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | inch | inch | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Range | Displays the minimum and maximum values of the analysis data (cutting feed part) shown in the color map. | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Axis Selection | <p>Select the axis for analysis by the analysis type of color map display.</p> <p>When "ALL" is selected, XYZ axial composite components are analyzed.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Analysis Type</th> <th>Axis</th> <th>Default</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Feed Map</td> <td>X/Y/Z/ALL</td> <td>ALL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acceleration Map</td> <td>X/Y/Z/ALL</td> <td>ALL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Posit. Diff Map</td> <td>X/Y/Z</td> <td>Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feed Diff Map</td> <td>X/Y/X/ALL</td> <td>Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAD model error</td> <td>ALL</td> <td>ALL</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Analysis Type | Axis | Default | Feed Map | X/Y/Z/ALL | ALL | Acceleration Map | X/Y/Z/ALL | ALL | Posit. Diff Map | X/Y/Z | Z | Feed Diff Map | X/Y/X/ALL | Z | CAD model error | ALL | ALL | X/Y/Z/ALL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Analysis Type | Axis | Default | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Acceleration Map | X/Y/Z/ALL | ALL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Posit. Diff Map | X/Y/Z | Z | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feed Diff Map | X/Y/X/ALL | Z | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CAD model error | ALL | ALL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Color Type | Select the color map type to be used for gradation display by color map display. (Default: default) | default/Rainbow/Blue Red/Red White | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single color | <p>This is a parameter for single color display.</p> <p>The path where the analysis data is in the specified range is displayed in the specified color.</p> <p>Check the checkbox and specify the color and the data range (minimum and maximum values).</p> <p>When the checkbox is unchecked or when the maximum or minimum value is blank, single color display is not performed. (Default: OFF, Default of [max] and [min]: blank)</p> <p>(Note) When [Analysis Type] is [CAD model error] A machining path where the tool does not contact with the product CAD model surface is displayed in the color specified by [Single color]. However, when [Single color] is not checked, it is displayed in the same color as [max] of [Gradation].</p> | 0.000 to 99999.999 (This depends on the minimum and maximum values of [Range].) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| max | Specify the range of analysis data to be displayed in single color. (Default: blank) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| min | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Item | Description | Range of values |
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| | Gradation max min | This is a parameter for gradation display. The path where the analysis data is in the specified range is displayed in gradation. The gradation color can be specified by [Color Type]. Specify the range of analysis data to be displayed in gradation. (Default: blank) | 0.000 to 99999.999 (This depends on the minimum and maximum values of [Range].) |
| (5) | CAD model error | Perform the product CAD model display-related settings. | - |
| | Curved surface display | Switch whether the product CAD model is displayed by a curved surface or by a wire frame. When this checkbox is checked, the read product CAD model is displayed by a curved surface. When the checkbox is not checked, it is displayed by a wire frame. (Default: OFF) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><Wire frame display></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><Curved surface display></p> </div> </div> | ON/OFF |
| | Offset amount | Specify the product CAD model position so that the product CAD model is on the machining program path. | - |
| | Travel I Travel J Travel K | Specify the offset amount to move and display the product CAD model in each axis direction from the workpiece reference point position (*1). (*1) The coordinate set in [Work Ref Pnt Sft I] to [Work Ref Pnt Sft K] of the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display is the reference point where the offset amount is "0". When another product CAD model is selected, the value is initialized. (Default: 0.000 mm) | -99999.999 to 99999.999 mm (This depends on the workpiece reference point position.) |
| | Setting button | Applies the set travel amount to the displayed CAD model. | - |
| (6) | Axis Reversal | Specify an analysis axis when [Axis Reversal] is selected for "Analysis Type". The reversal state of the specified axis direction can be analyzed. | X/Y/Z |
| | Axis Selection (X/Y/Z) | Select an axis (X, Y, or Z) for which direction reversal is analyzed. | |

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| Item | Description | Range of values |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| (7) Update button | Click the [Update] button to start analysis in accordance with the analysis simulation settings you set. (*2) During the analysis, the progress window appears. If you press [Cancel] in the progress window, analysis is stopped. When simulation is in progress, this button is not selectable. | - |
| (8) Message area | If an out-of-range value is set in min or max for [Single color] or [Gradation], the message "This value cannot be set." appears. The message area is two lines high. | - |

(*2) If the Simulation priority setting is different between when simulation is started and when [Update] is clicked, an error message appears in the sub-message display area.

(Note) The settings of each item cannot be changed and applied while simulation is running.

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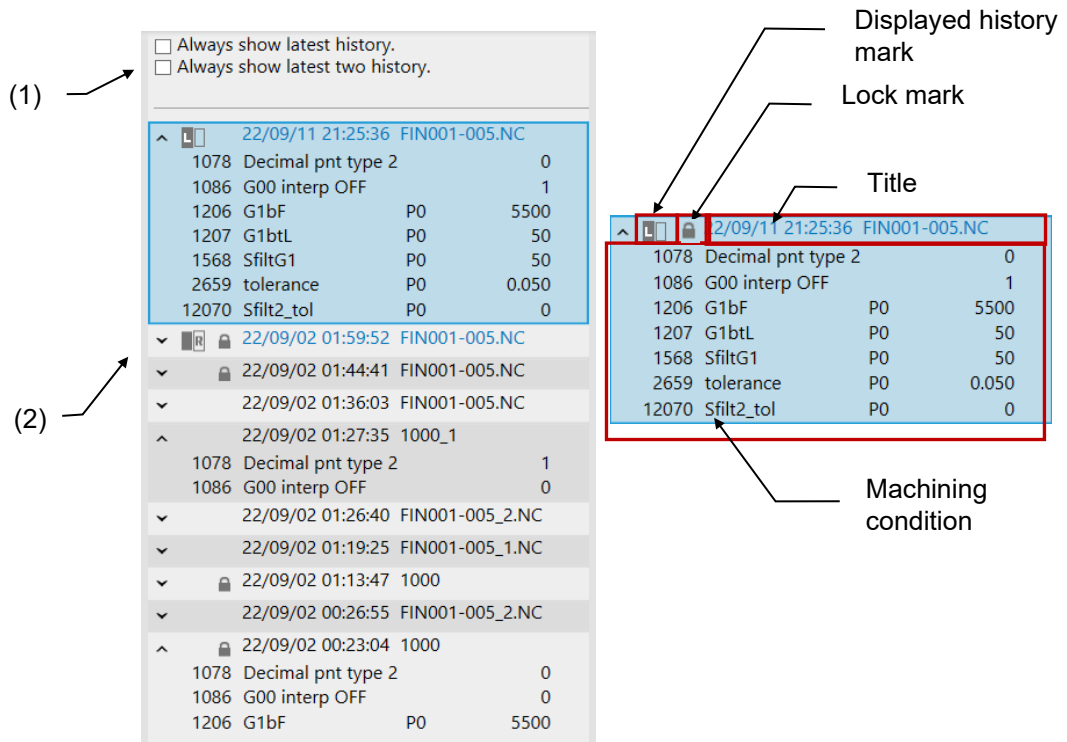
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4.3.2.6 Simulation history

"Simulation history" provides a list of the execution history of machining simulation and analysis simulation.

This is used on the simulation difference analysis window.







For details, see "9 Simulation difference analysis".



| Item | Description | Range of values |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| (1) Difference analysis settings | Specify the behavior of simulation difference analysis window. | — |
| Always show latest history. | Displays the latest simulation result in the simulation area (left) and the last displayed simulation result in the simulation area (right) when the [Analyze Difference] tab is selected. (If the last displayed simulation result is deleted, the second latest simulation result is displayed.) If this item is checked while [Always show latest two history.] is checked, [Always show latest two history.] is unchecked. (Default: OFF) | ON/OFF |
| Always show latest two history. | Displays the latest simulation result in the simulation area (left) and the second latest result in the simulation area (right) when the [Analyze Difference] tab is selected. If no simulation history exists, the result is displayed on one screen. If this item is checked while [Always show latest history.] is checked, [Always show latest history.] is unchecked. (Default: ON) | ON/OFF |

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| Item | Description | Range of values |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| (2) Simulation history list | <p>Displays up to 10 histories of the simulation results in the order of simulation. The latest simulation result is displayed at the top.</p> <p>(Note) When the number of the saved histories exceeds the maximum number, the oldest history is automatically deleted.</p> | — |
| Displayed history mark | <p>Displays the mark for the simulation history displayed in the simulation area. The marks to be displayed are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simulation history in the simulation area (left):  • Simulation history in the simulation area (right):  • Simulation history displayed on one screen:  | — |
| Lock mark | <p>Displays  for the locked history. The history with this mark is not automatically deleted.</p> | — |
| Title | <p>Displays the time when simulation is started and the program name. "YY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS EIA NAME" The time is the local time of the PC in use. If the complete simulation history title cannot be displayed, "..." to show omission is displayed at the end. When the mouse pointer is positioned, the full path of the machining program name used when simulation is run is displayed in a tooltip.</p> | — |
| Machining condition | <p>This is displayed when there is a difference as a result of comparison between histories of the simulated machining conditions. Parameters which have been changed since the new project was created and machining conditions of simulation history executed in the same machining program are compared and displayed.</p> <p>For parameters like the tolerance control parameter "1206 G1bF" which are set for each machining condition, the target machining condition like "1206 G1bF P1-Q1" is also displayed.</p> <p>By clicking  and  at the left of the displayed history mark or pressing the [Enter] key while the history is selected, the machining condition is switched to be shown or hidden. If two or more histories are selected, the show and hide is switched according to the top among the selected histories.</p> | — |

(*) If neither [Always show latest two history.] nor [Always show latest history.] is checked, the last displayed contents are displayed.

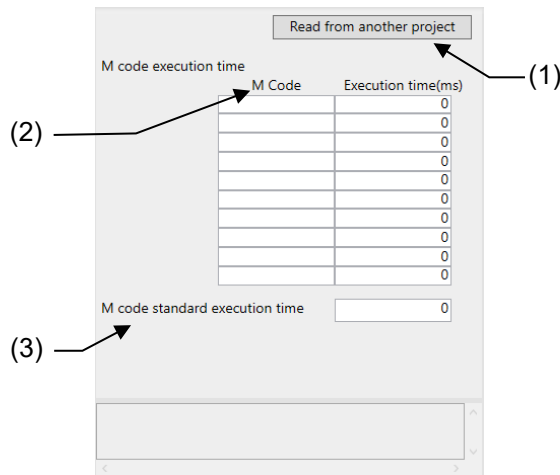
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4.3.2.7 Machining time prediction setting

You can set execution time of M code command. The execution time of the set M code command is added to the machining time prediction calculated by simulation, and you can obtain more accurate machining time prediction.

For this data, the values of the parameters #42802 to #42820 and #42952 included in the machine tool's backup data are read. When values are set to these parameters by the machine tool builder, the values are set at the time when a new project is created.



| Item | Description | Range of values |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| (1) Read from another project | Reads the machining time prediction setting saved in another project. | - |
| (2) M code execution time | Set M code number and execution time of the M code command to be added as machining time prediction. (Maximum: 10 codes) | - |
| M Code | Set the M code number. When the same M code is set to two or more lines, the first setting time is added. A blank line is disabled. To disable a line, make the line blank with the [DEL] key. M00, M01, M02, M30, M96, M97, M98, M99, or M198 cannot be set. | 0 to 99999999 |
| Execution time(ms) | Set the execution time of the M code command. The set execution time is added to the machining time prediction. | 0 to 60000 (ms) |
| (3) M code standard execution time | Set the average execution time when an M code command other than the M code set to [M code execution time] is executed. M00, M01, M02, M30, M96, M97, M98, M99, and M198 are miscellaneous functions to be used for a specific purpose; therefore, they are not added to the machining time prediction. | 0 to 60000 (ms) |

(Note 1) When a block includes two or more M code commands, only the longest time is added.

(Note 2) If an out-of-range value is input, the message "Out of range." appears.

(Note 3) The codes used for the M code macros are not added to the machining time.

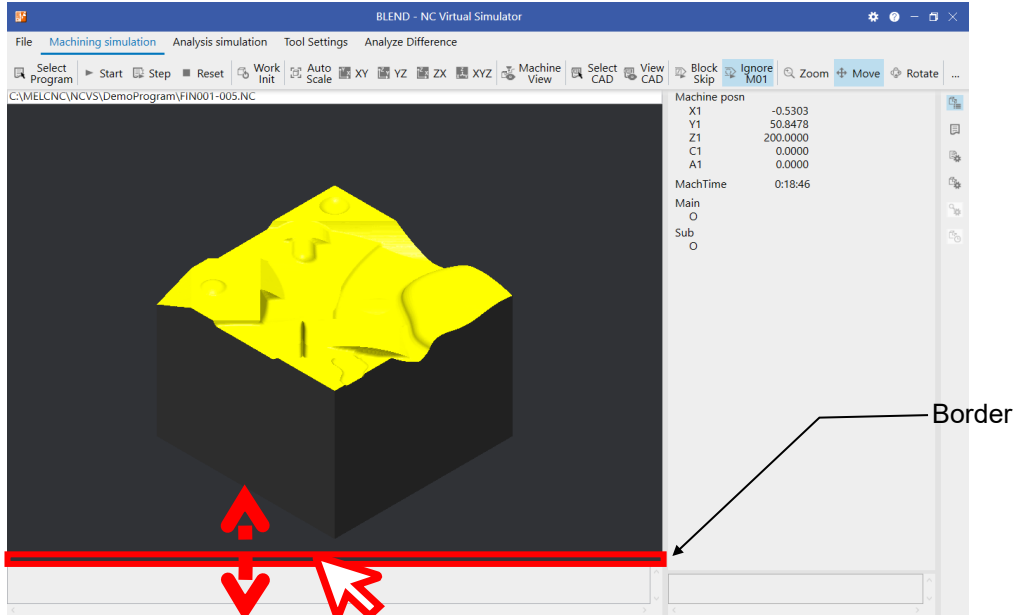
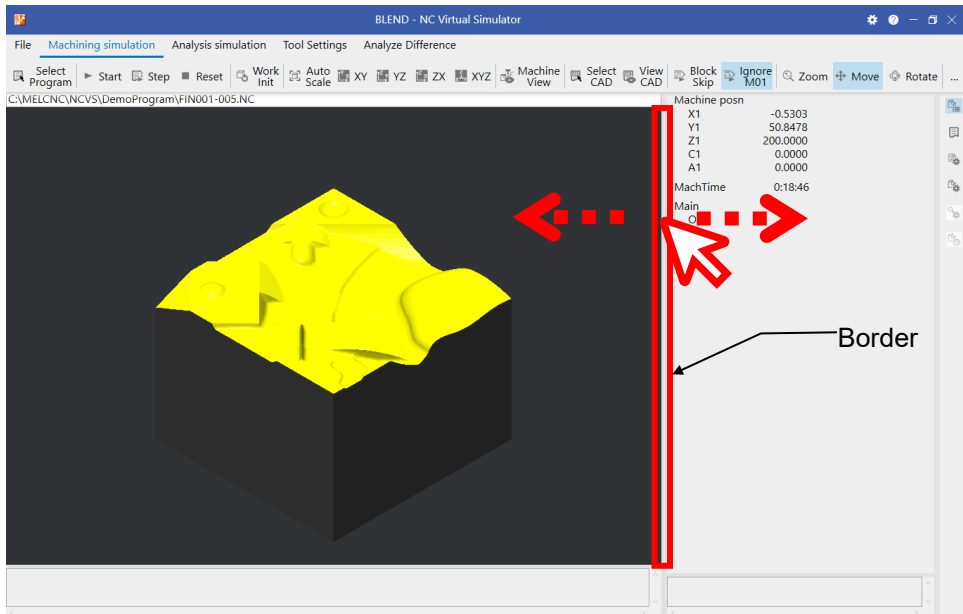
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4.4 Display area

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4.4.1 Resizing display area

You can change the width of the sub-display area and the height of the message display area by dragging and dropping the border between the display areas.



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4.5 Shortcut keys

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The following lists the shortcut keys that can be used in NC Virtual Simulator.

| Shortcut key | Function | Description |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| Ctrl + C | Copy | Copy one line of tool data. For detailed information, see the following section. "8.3.5 Copy and paste one line of tool data" |
| Ctrl + F | Tool data search | Search for a tool number. For detailed information, see the following section. "8.3.2 Search tool data" |
| Ctrl + O | Open | Open a project. For detailed information, see the following sections. "5.3.1 Creating a new project" "5.3.2 Opening a project" |
| Ctrl + V | Paste | Paste one line of tool data. For detailed information, see the following section. "8.3.5 Copy and paste one line of tool data" |
| Ctrl + S | Save | Save a project. For detailed information, see the following section. "5.3.3 Saving a project" |
| Alt + F4 | Exit | Exit NC Virtual Simulator. For detailed information, see the following section. "5.2 Exiting NC Virtual Simulator" |

(*) The shortcuts "Ctrl + C", "Ctrl + F", and "Ctrl + V" are only available when the [Tool Settings] tab is selected.

(*) When you enter "Ctrl + O" or "Ctrl + S", the [File] tab is selected. The simulation (if running) is pause.

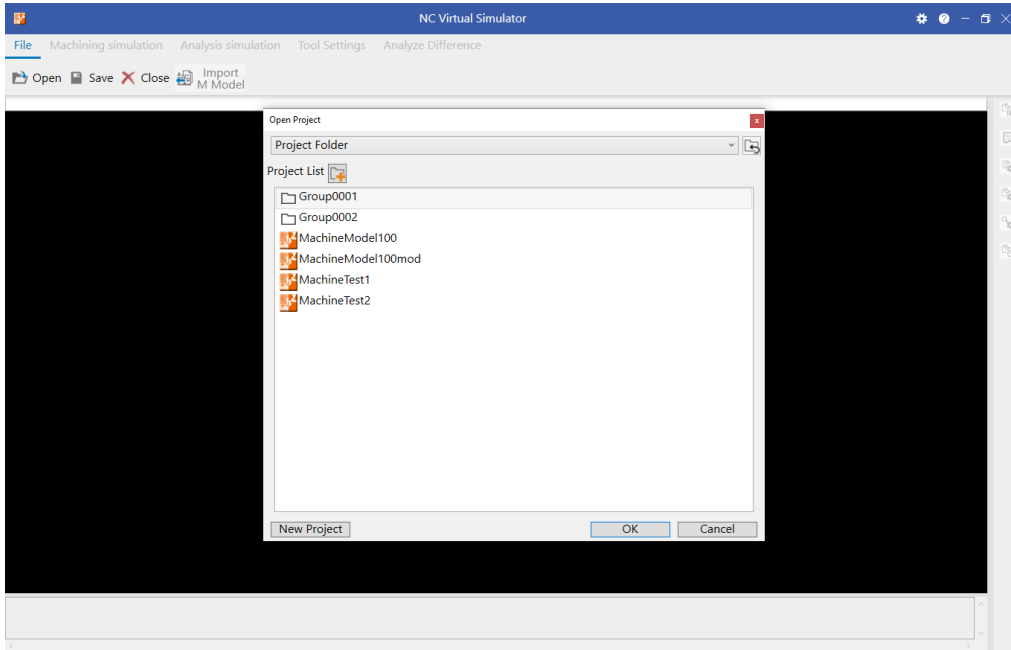
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5.1 Starting NC Virtual Simulator

- (1) Select [Start] menu > [MELSOFT] > [NC Virtual Simulator].
- (2) NC Virtual Simulator starts, and the [Open Project] dialog box appears.
To create a new project, go to "5.3.1 Creating a new project". To open an existing project, go to "5.3.2 Opening a project".



(*) The default cursor position in the Open Project dialog box is the project that was last displayed.

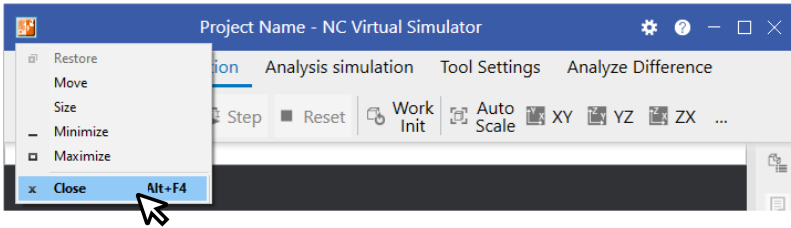
(*) If you select [Cancel] in the dialog box, only the main window is displayed.

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5.2 Exiting NC Virtual Simulator

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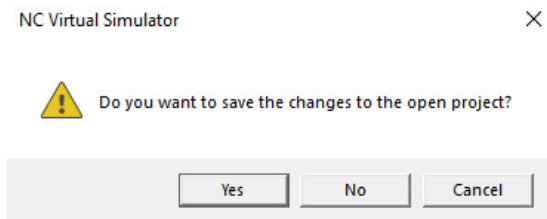
To exit NC Virtual Simulator, click the icon in the title bar, and click [Close] in the menu displayed.



(*) You can also exit NC Virtual Simulator by the following operations.

- Click the [×] button in the title bar.
- Press and hold the [ALT] key and press the [F4] key.

(*) When changes are made to the project, you see a confirmation message asking if you want to save the project. To save the project before exiting NC Virtual Simulator, click [Yes]. To exit NC Virtual Simulator without saving the project, click [No]. To stop exiting NC Virtual Simulator, click [Cancel].



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5.3 Creating a project

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5.3.1 Creating a new project

There are three ways to create a project.

- Use the machine tool's backup data. (5.3.1.1)
- Use the system data of the network-connected machine tool. (5.3.1.2)
- Use the sample project. (5.3.1.3)

(*) The following rules apply to project names and folder names.

- Up to 80 characters (half-width) can be set. (A full-width character is counted as two half-width characters.)
- Both half- and full-width characters can be used.
- Project names are not case-sensitive.
- A project name cannot contain the following half-width characters.
 \ / : * ? < > | " (the same characters as those not allowed for file names)
- The names of the projects and folders that have already been created cannot be specified.
- A project name cannot contain only spaces.
- A project name cannot begin or end with a space or a half-width period (.).
- CON, PRN, AUX, CLOCK\$, NUL, COM0 to COM9, LPT0 to LPT9 (all half-width characters) cannot be used.

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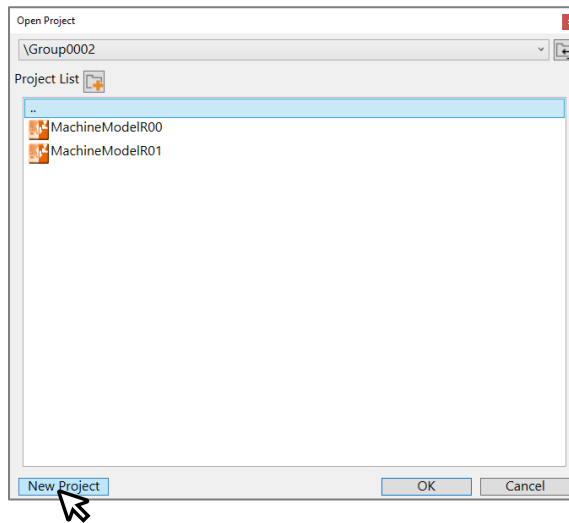
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5.3.1.1 Creating a project using the machine tool's backup data

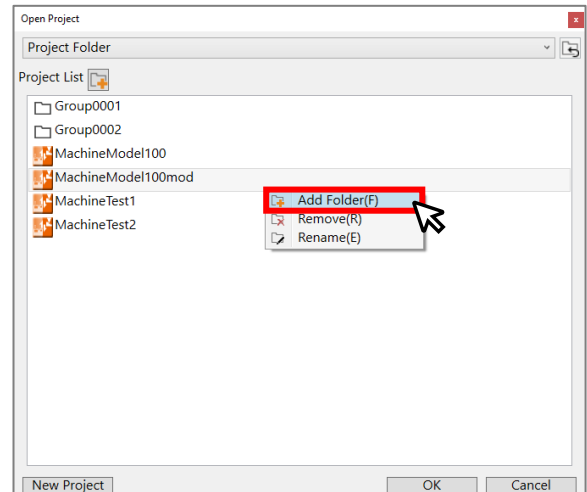
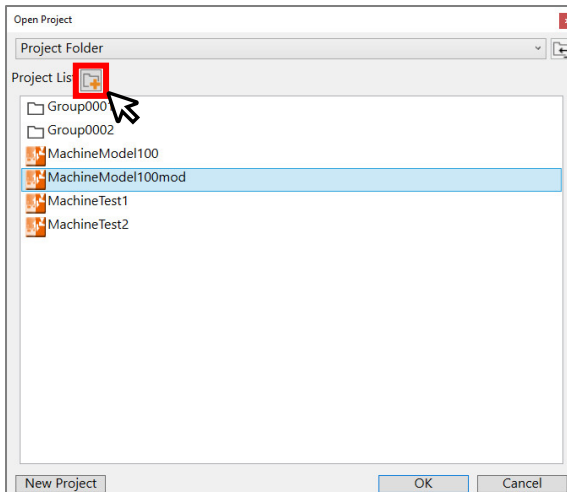
The following describes how to create a project using the machine tool's backup data.

(*) Obtain the backup data on the [Maint] - [All backup] screen of the machine tool in advance.

- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Open] command.
- (2) The Open Project dialog box appears.
 Navigate to the folder where the project will be created, and click the [New Project] button.





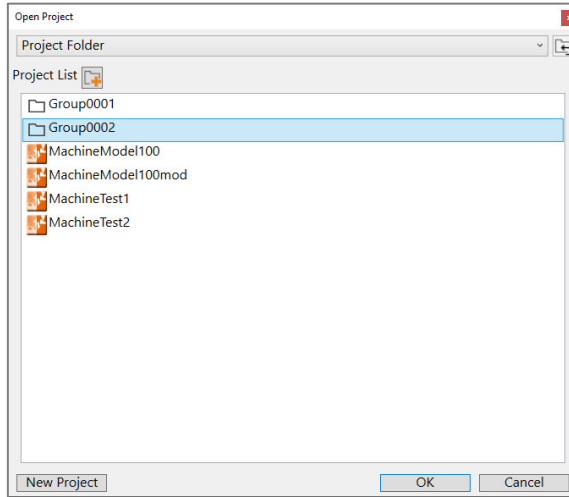
(*) When creating a folder where a new project will be created, click  or [Add Folder] on the right-click context menu in Project List.



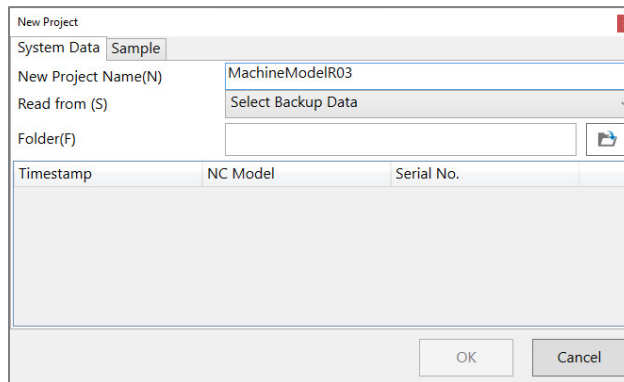
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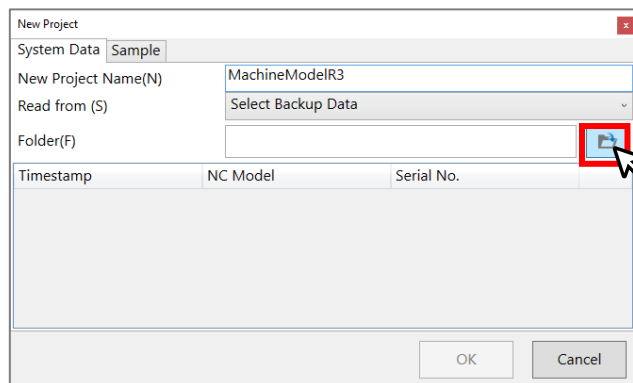
- (*) The following describes how to navigate to the folder when a project is created in another folder.
 Double-click  on in Project List to navigate to the folder.
 Click  or [..] in Project List to navigate to the folder that the current folder is in.
 If the current folder is the project storage folder, [..] is not displayed.



- (3) The "New Project" dialog box appears.
 Enter a name for a new project in "New Project Name".



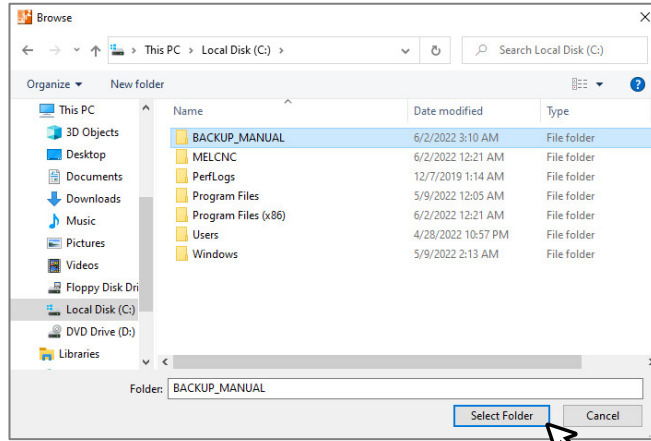
- (4) Click  to specify the folder where the machine tool's backup data is saved.



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- (5) The [Browse] dialog box appears.
Specify the folder where the machine tool's backup data is stored, and click the [Select Folder] button.
- (*) The default folder is "Documents".

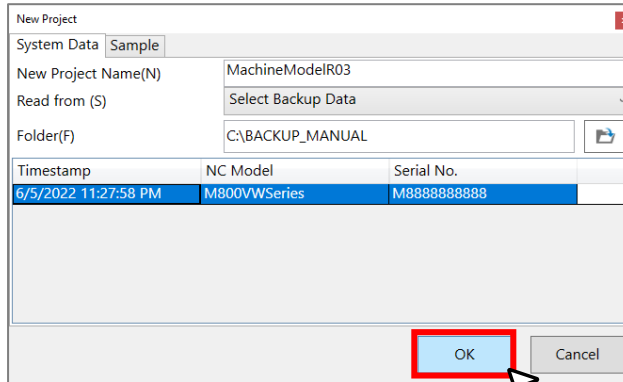


- (*) You can specify a folder that contains the backup data of a single machine tool or the backup data (folder) of multiple machine tools.

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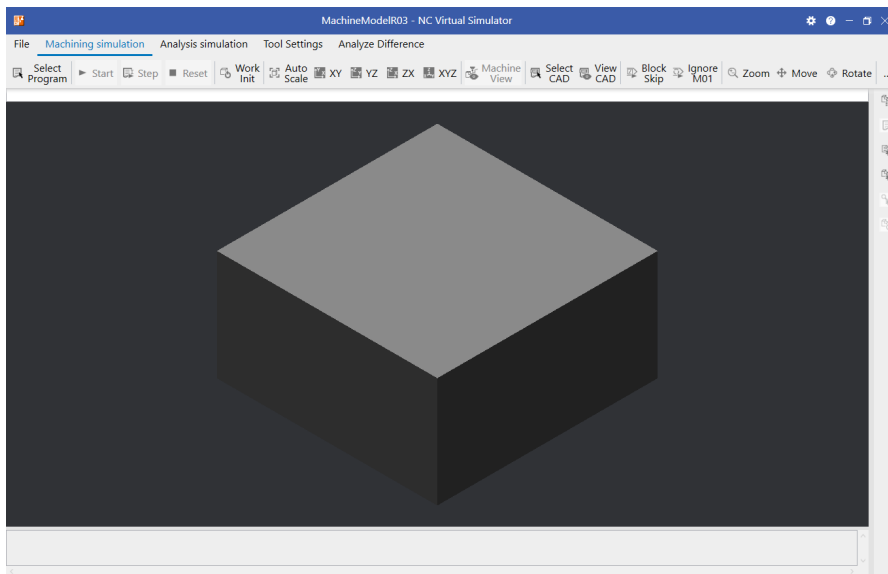
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- (6) The content of the machine tool's backup data is displayed. After confirming the NC model, click the [OK] button.



| Item | Description |
|------------|--|
| Timestamp | Displays the date and time that the data was backed up. This date is the timestamp of the system data. |
| NC Model | Displays the series of the NC model of the backup data. |
| Serial No. | Displays the serial number of the NC of the backup data. |

- (7) A new project is created, and the main window opens.



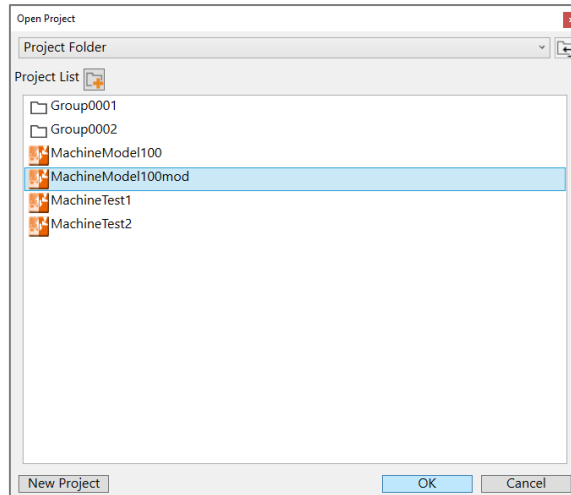
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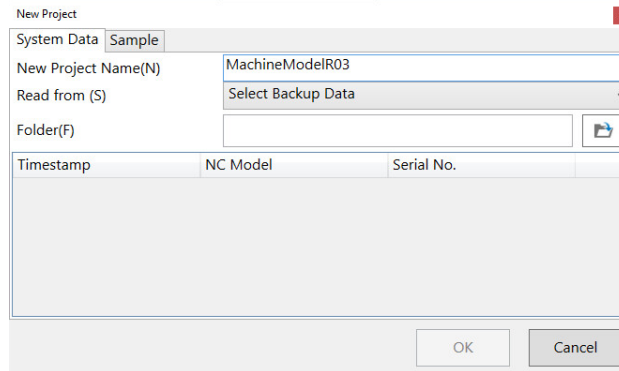
5.3.1.2 Creating a project using the network-connected machine tool's data

The following describes how to create a project using the system data of the network-connected machine tool.

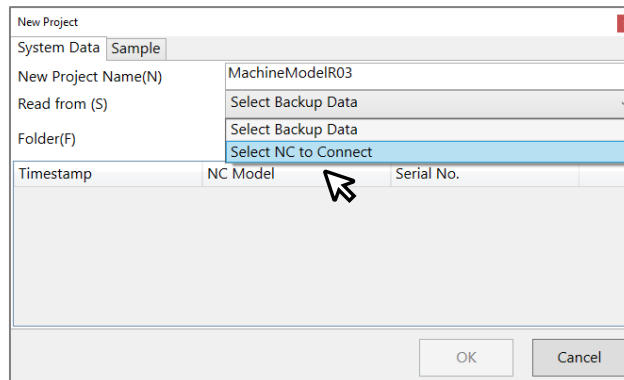
- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Open] command.
- (2) The Open Project dialog box appears. Navigate to the folder where the project will be created, and click the [New Project] button.



- (3) The "New Project" dialog box appears. For "New Project Name", enter the name of the new project to create.



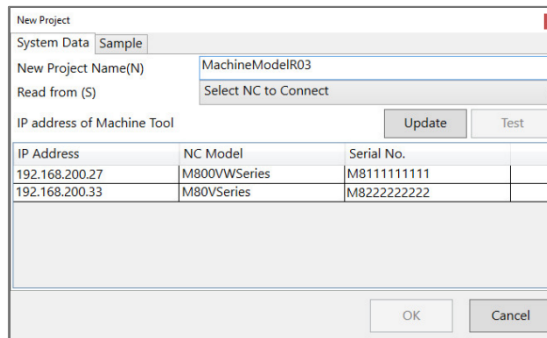
- (4) For "Read from", choose [Select NC to Connect] from the pull-down menu.



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(5) Click [OK]. The IP addresses of the network-connected machine tools are displayed.



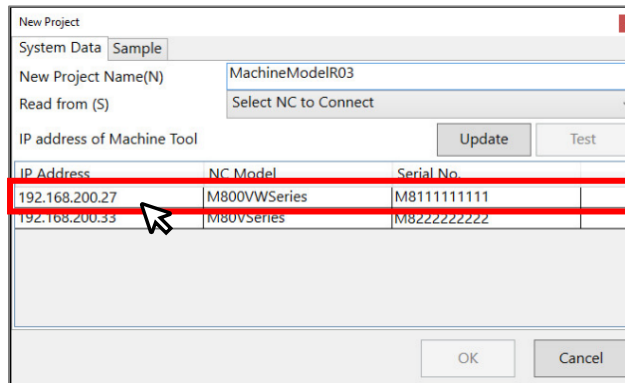
| Item | Description |
|------------|---|
| IP Address | Displays the IP addresses of the NCs that are selectable. |
| NC Model | Displays the series of the NC models. |
| Serial No. | Displays the serial numbers of the NCs. |

(*) If the machine tool to select is not displayed in the list, verify the following and click the [Update] button.

- The machine tool to connect is powered on.
- The network address of the machine tool to connect is the same as that of the PC.

(*) The IP addresses of unsupported models are not displayed.

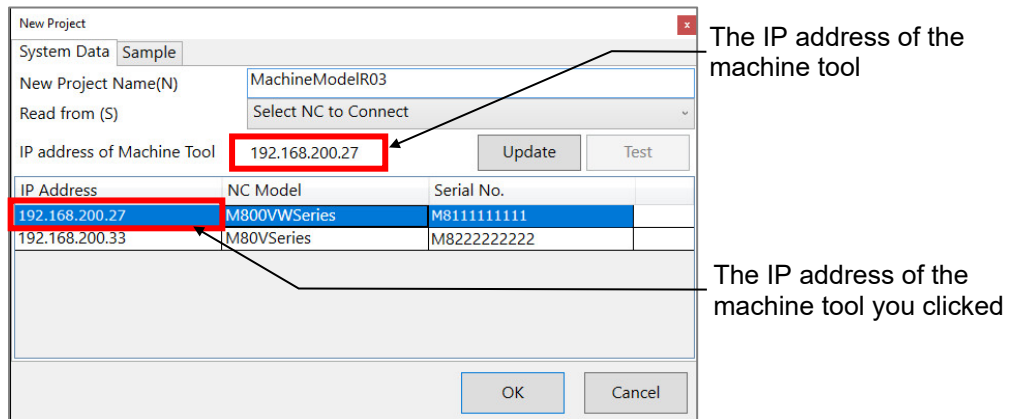
(6) Verify the NC model and the other information and click the IP address of the machine tool to connect.



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(7) The IP address of the machine tool you clicked appears in the "IP address of Machine Tool" field.

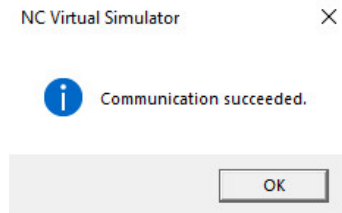


(*) To check the connectivity with the machine tool, click the [Test] button.

NC Virtual Simulator starts communication test with the NC whose IP address is shown in the "IP address of Machine Tool" field. During the communication test, the display of the [Test] button switches to "Testing...", and the dialog box is inoperable.

To cancel the communication test, click the [Test] button while it displays "Testing...".

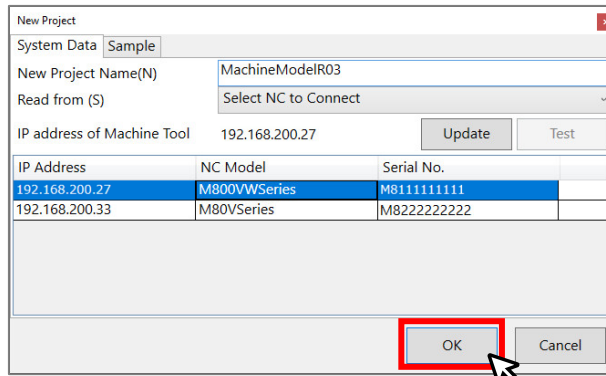
When the communication test is successful, the following message box appears.



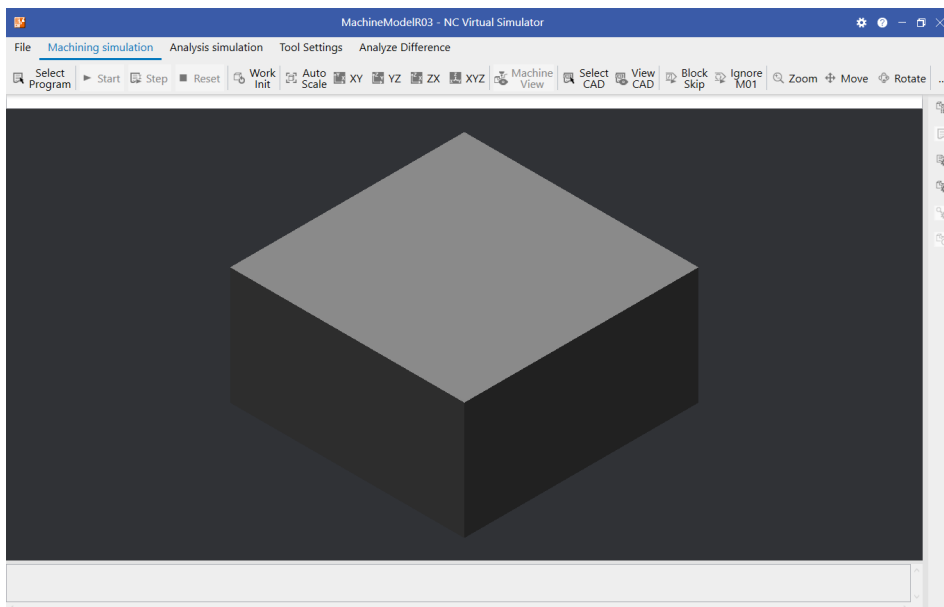
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(8) Click the [OK] button.



(9) A new project is created, and the main window opens.



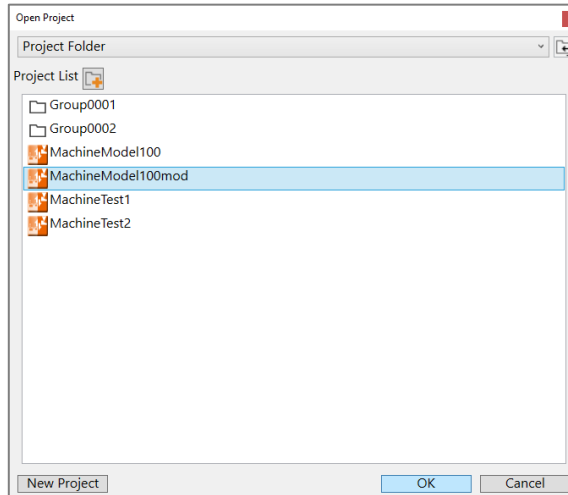
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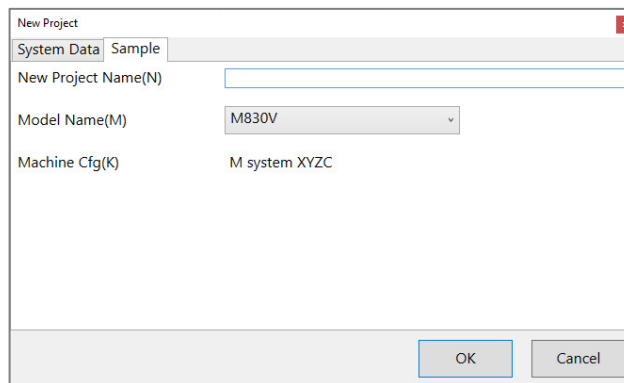
5.3.1.3 Creating a project using the sample project

The following describes how to create a project using the sample project.

- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Open] command.
- (2) The "Open Project" dialog box appears.
Move to the folder where a project will be created, and click the [New Project] button.



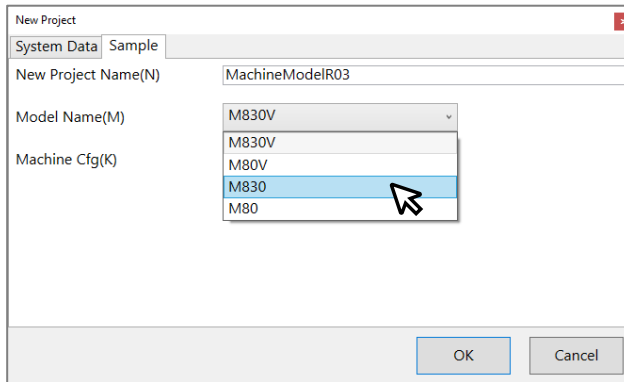
- (3) The "New Project" dialog box appears.
Click the [Sample] tab.



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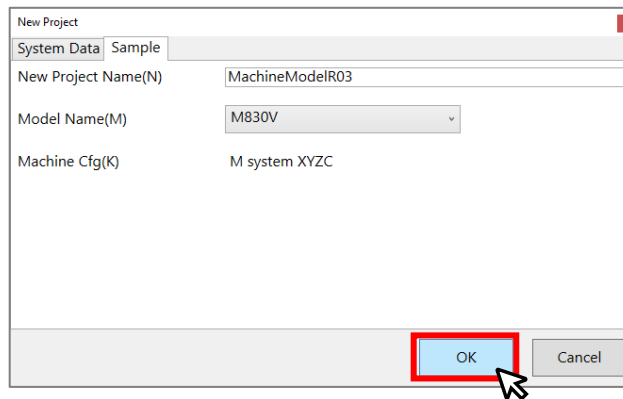
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- (4) Enter a new project name, and select the model name.

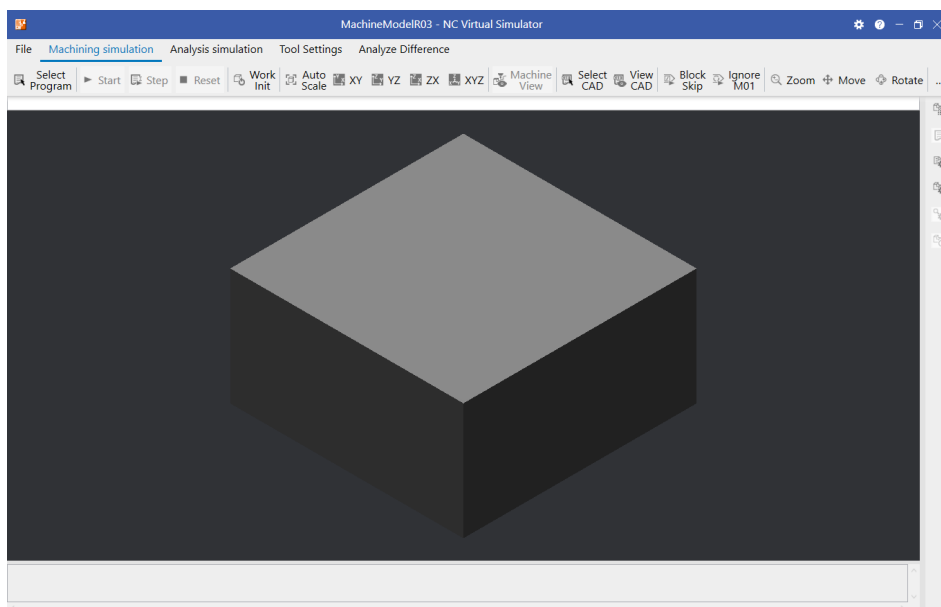


| Item | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Model Name | Select the model name. (M830V/M80V/M830/M80) |
| Machine Cfg | Displays the machine configuration of the model selected in Model Name. |

- (5) Click the [OK] button.



- (6) A new project is created, and the main window opens.



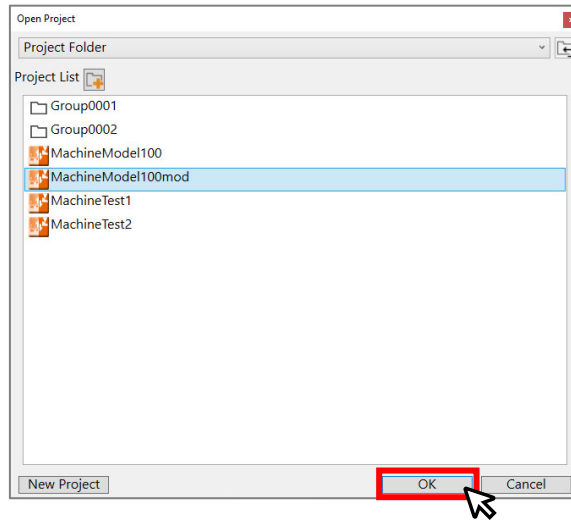
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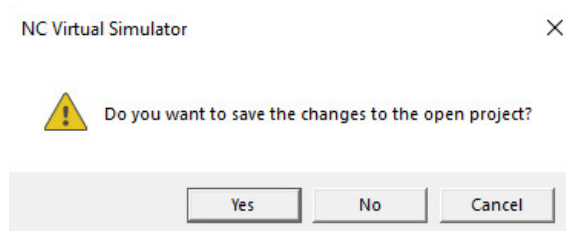
5.3.2 Opening a project

The following describes how to open a created project.

- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Open] command.
- (2) The "Open Project" dialog box appears.
Select the project to open, and click the [OK] button.



- (*) If changes have been made to the currently open project, you see a confirmation message asking if you want to save the project. Select whether to save the project before opening the selected project or to open the selected project without saving the project.

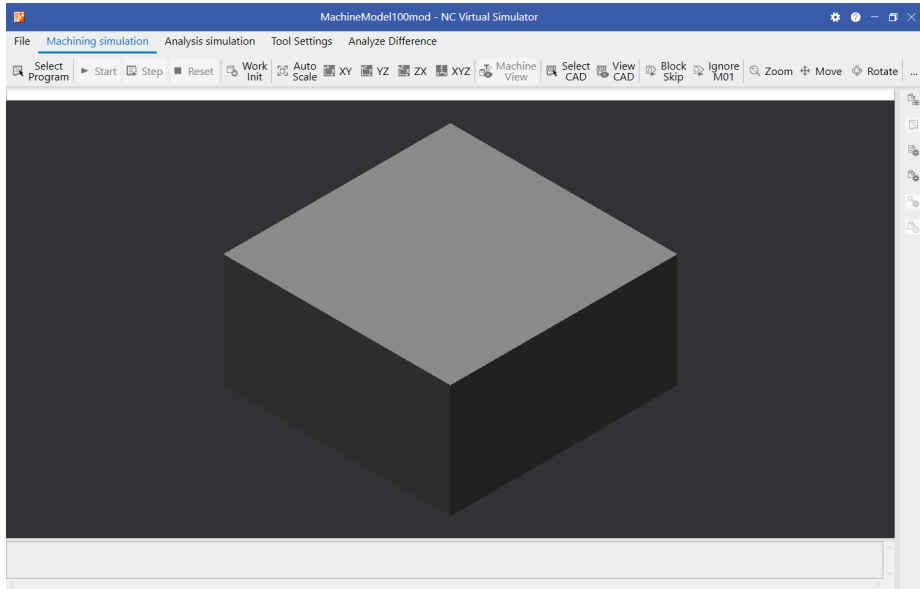


- (*) If the currently open project is selected, the dialog box closes without any action being taken.

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- (3) The selected project is opened, and the main window is displayed.
When an existing project is opened, the last simulated result is displayed.



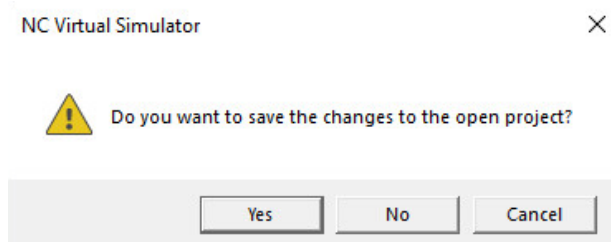
5.3.3 Saving a project

Click the [File] tab > [Save] command to save the currently open project.

5.3.4 Closing a project

Click the [File] tab > [Close] command to close the currently open project.

- (*) If changes have been made to the currently open project, you see a confirmation message asking if you want to save the project. Click [Yes] to save the project before closing it. Click [No] to close the project without saving it. Click [Cancel] to cancel closing the project.



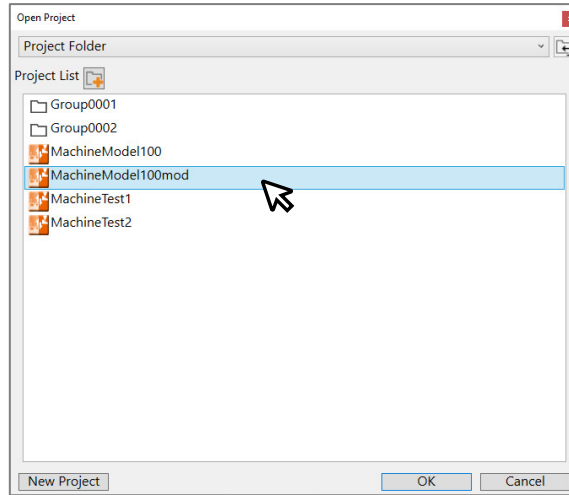
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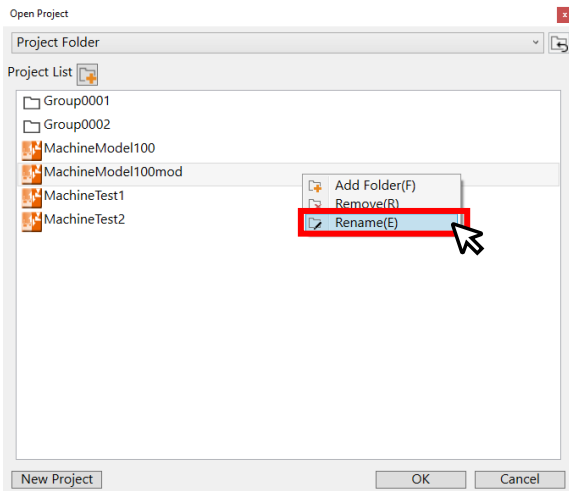
5.3.5 Renaming a project

The following describes how to rename a project or folder.

- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Open] command.
- (2) Select the project or folder to rename.



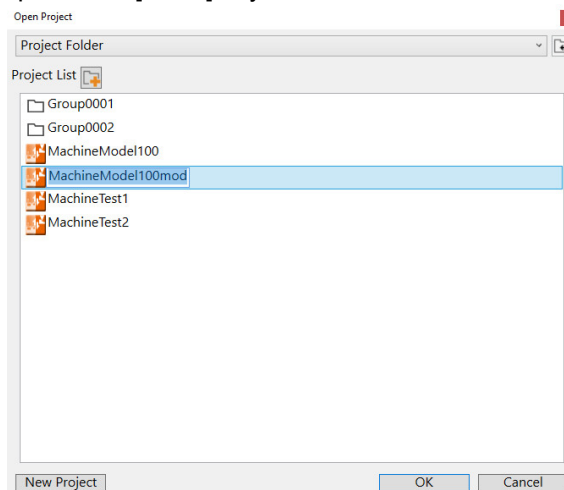
- (3) Right-click to open the context menu and select [Rename], or press the [F2] key.



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- (4) Enter a new name, and press the [Enter] key.



- (*) To cancel rename, press the [ESC] key.
- (*) There are rules that apply to a new project name and folder name to set. See "5.3.1 Creating a new project".

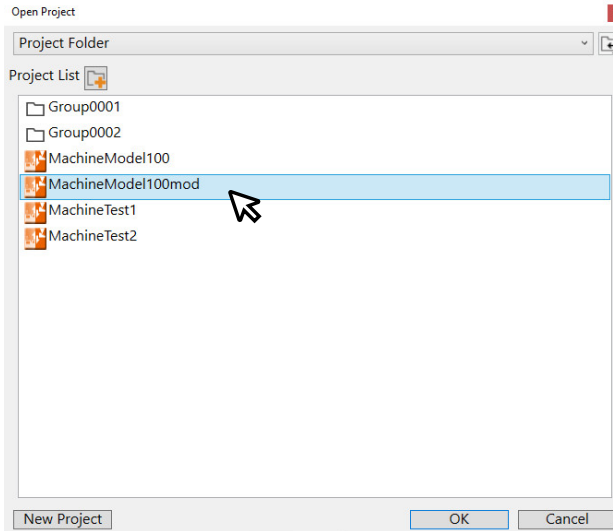
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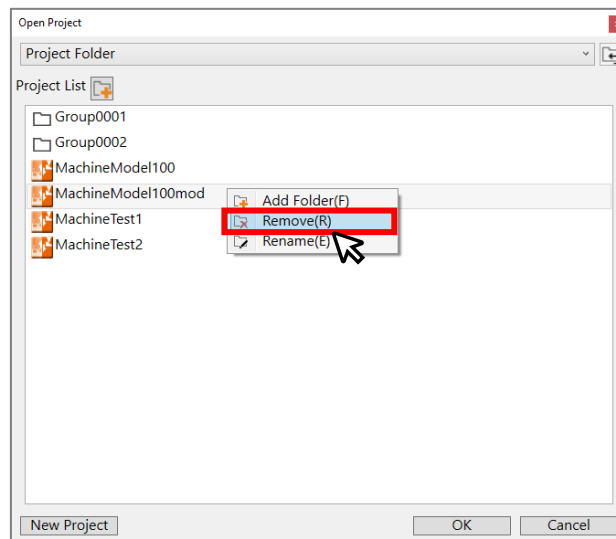
5.3.6 Deleting a project

The following describes how to delete a project.

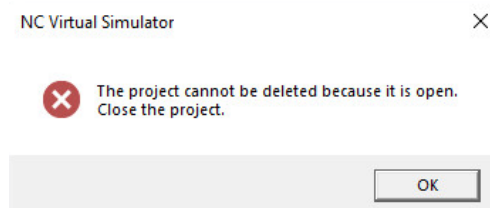
- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Open] command.
- (2) Select the project to delete.
 - (*) You can also select a folder. In this case, all the files in the folder are deleted.



- (3) Right-click to open the context menu and select [Remove], or press the [Del] key.



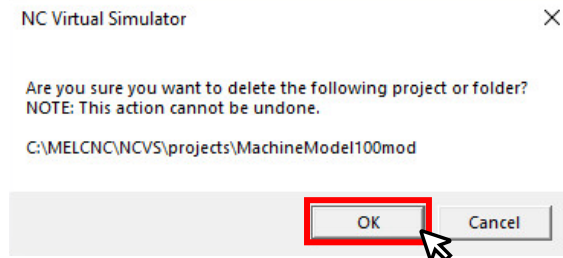
- (*) If the currently open project is, or is contained in, the selected project or folder, the following error message appears.



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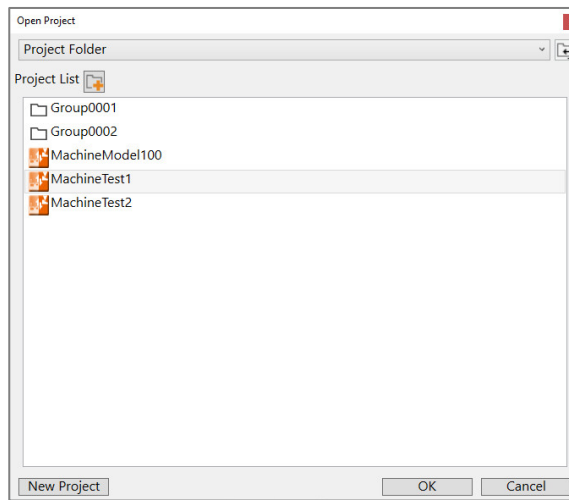
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- (4) The following confirmation message appears.
To delete the project or folder, click [OK].



- (*) Deleting a project or folder cannot be undone.

- (5) Project List is updated.



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5.4 Importing machine model to NC Virtual Simulator

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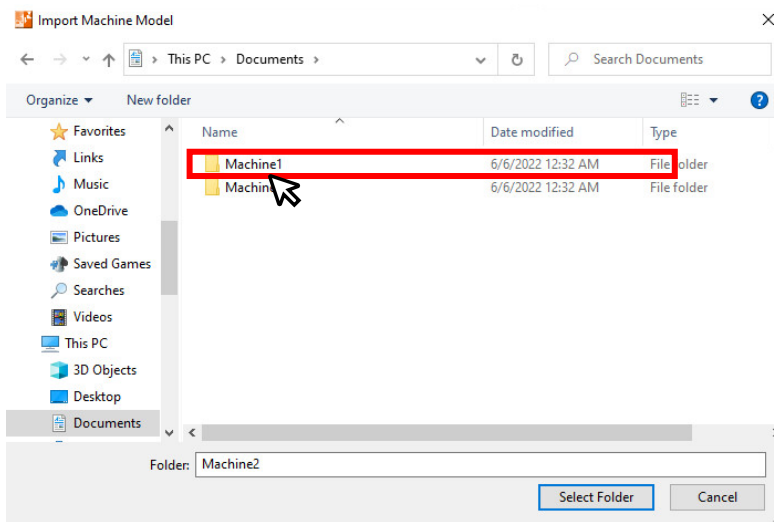
The interference check function in machining simulation is available by importing the machine model to a project.

Obtain the machine model data (*1) (*2) from the machine tool builder.

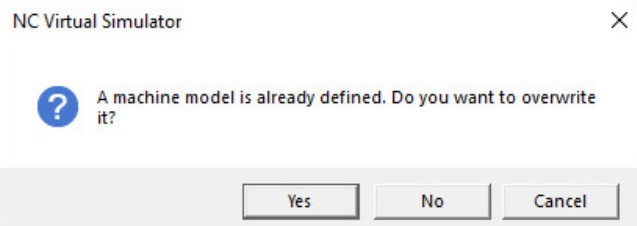
- (*1) The machine model data consists of a machine configuration file (*.XML) and a machine parts file (*.STL).
- (*2) The machine model file name must not exceed 20 characters (half-width, excluding the three characters for the extension) and the name of the folder where the machine model is stored must not exceed 12 characters (half-width).

The following describes how to import the machine model.

- (1) Click the [File] tab > [Import M Model] command.
- (2) The "Import Machine Model" dialog box appears.
Choose the folder where the machine configuration file is stored and click [Select Folder].



- (3) The machine model is imported in the project.
 - (*) If there is a machine model that has already been imported, the overwrite confirmation dialog appears. Click [Yes] to overwrite the machine model. Click [No] to display the Import Machine Model dialog box and choose a machine model again. Click [Cancel] to cancel the import.



- (*) If the machine model is imported during the simulation, the simulation is reset.

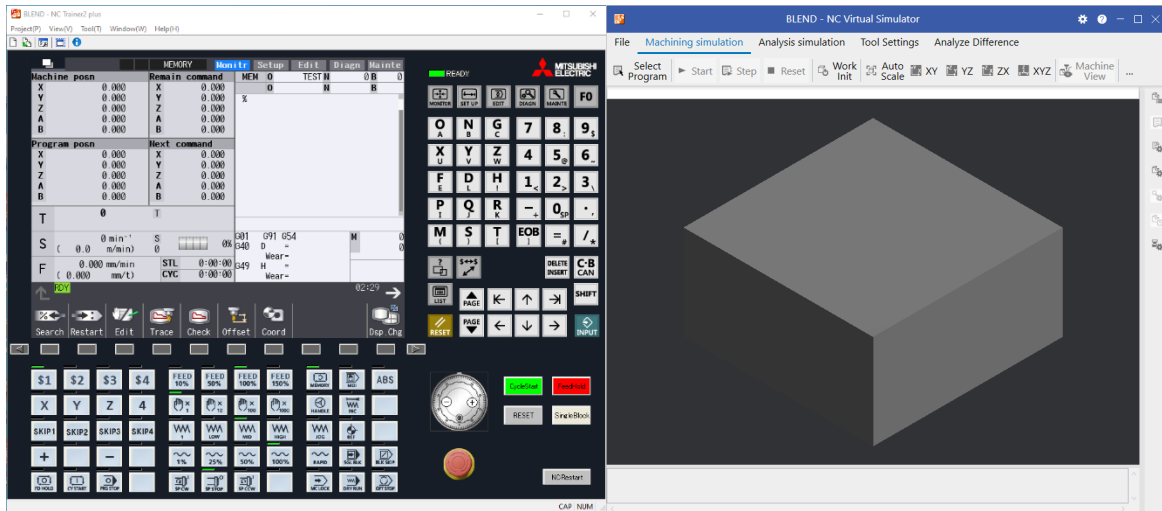
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5.5 NC Trainer2 plus link

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NC Trainer2 plus is an application to allow you to check the operation of the user-developed PLC programs and the custom screen without using an NC control unit and a dedicated display unit. By linking with NC Trainer2 plus, you can design machines, debug the developed PLC programs, and check machine operation and interference by a machine model.

To link NC Virtual Simulator with NC Trainer2 plus, start NC Trainer2 plus to perform the operation. For detailed steps, refer to the NC Trainer2 plus instruction manual "IB-1501318".

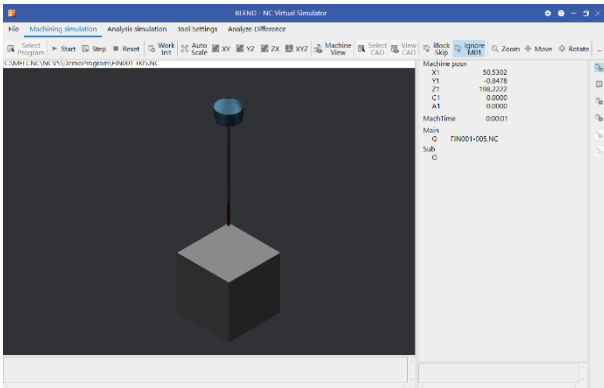


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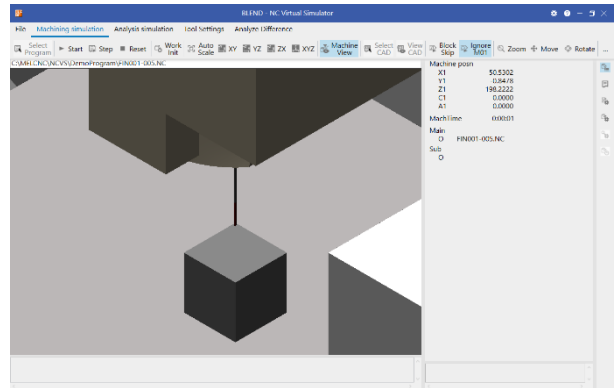
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The machining simulation function allows you to check the shape of the workpiece, the movement of the tool, and interference in the cutting process. You can toggle between workpiece simulation and machine simulation in this function.

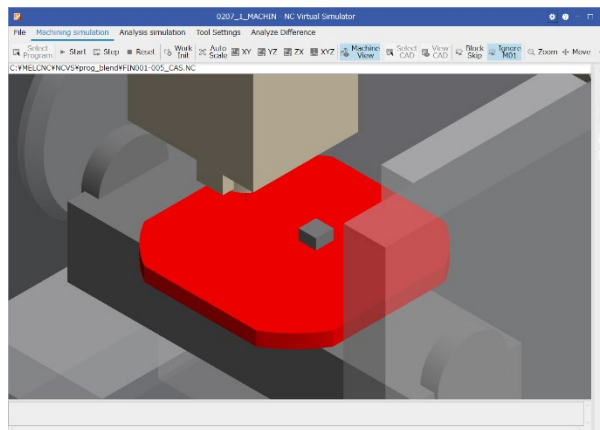
(*) To perform machining simulation and interference check, you need to import the machine model. (Refer to "5.4 Importing machine model to NC Virtual Simulator".)



Workpiece simulation



Machine simulation



Interference check

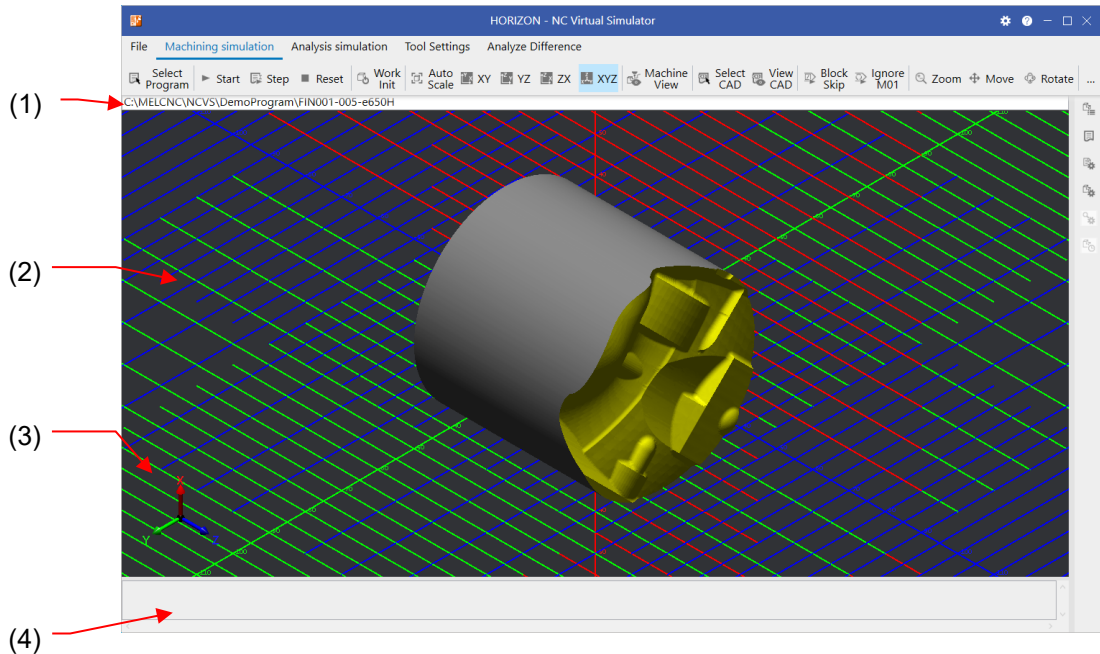
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6.1 Machining simulation window

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6.1.1 Screen configuration and display items

The machining simulation window displays the simulation of the currently selected machining program.

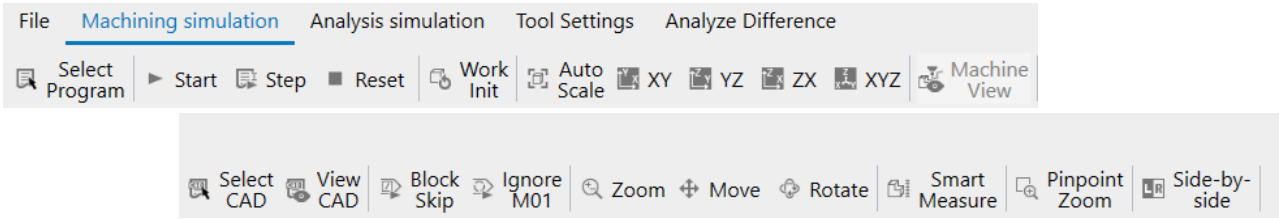


| Item | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| (1) Program path | Displays the file path of the selected machining program. The path combined with the file name by a backslash (\) or a Yen symbol (¥) is displayed. |
| (2) 3D graphics area | Displays the in-process workpiece shape and the tool. You can change the point of view and zoom the workpiece shape. |
| (3) Coordinate system | Indicates the directions of the coordinate system. The axis directions of base axes I, J, K are indicated by arrows. The interval between tick marks depends on the size of the workpiece. |
| (4) Message area | Displays the alarms that occur while machining simulation is running. |

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6.1.2 Machining simulation commands



The following lists the commands that can be used in machining simulation.

| | Command | Description | Reference |
|----|-----------------|---|--|
| 1 | Select Program | Select a program. Choose a program to simulate from the file selection dialog that pops up. | 6.3.3 Select a program |
| 2 | Start | Start simulation. This command is highlighted while simulation is running. If you click this command when it is highlighted, simulation is paused at the end point of the current block. | 6.3.4 Start simulation |
| 3 | Step | Run the program block by block. | 6.3.4 Start simulation |
| 4 | Reset | Stop the ongoing simulation. | 6.3.5 Stop simulation |
| 5 | Work Init | Initialize the workpiece shape. The shape of the unmachined workpiece is displayed. | - |
| 6 | Auto Scale | Zoom the workpiece shape so that the size is about 90% of the graphics area. | - |
| 7 | XY | Change the plane where the workpiece shape is displayed or change the display to 3D. The scale in the plane selected before switch is retained. | 6.3.6 Change the point of view on workpiece |
| 8 | YZ | | |
| 9 | ZX | | |
| 10 | XYZ | | |
| 11 | Machine View | Toggle the display between workpiece simulation and machine simulation. If you click this command when it is not highlighted, the command is highlighted and machine simulation is displayed. If you click this command when it is highlighted, the highlight of the command is removed, and workpiece simulation is displayed. At the time when the application starts up and when a project is selected again, this command is not highlighted and workpiece simulation is displayed by default. | 6.3.9 Switch between machine simulation and workpiece simulation |
| 12 | Select CAD | Select a product CAD model. The selected product CAD model is superimposed on the workpiece shape. Files in STEP format (*.stp, *.step) and in STL format (*.stl) can be selected. | 6.3.10 Superimpose product CAD model on workpiece shape |
| 13 | View CAD | Switch whether the product CAD model is superimposed. When this command is highlighted, the model is superimposed. | - |
| 14 | Block Skip (*1) | Select whether to execute blocks containing "/" (slash) in the program to be simulated. ON: Simulation is run by skipping blocks with "/". OFF: Simulation is run including blocks with "/". | - |

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| | Command | Description | Reference |
|----|------------------------|--|---|
| 15 | Ignore M01 (*1) | Specify whether to stop the program when an M01 command is issued. ON: Simulation is not stopped even when an M01 command is issued. OFF: Simulation is stopped when an M01 command is issued. | - |
| 16 | Zoom (*1)(*2) | Zoom in or out of the displayed workpiece shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With this command highlighted, press the [↑][↓] keys on the keyboard, or left-click and drag up and down in the 3D graphics area, to zoom in and out of the displayed workpiece shape. If you rotate the mouse wheel with the mouse pointer in the 3D graphics area, the displayed workpiece shape graphic is zoomed in or out regardless of whether this command is highlighted. | 6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size |
| 17 | Move (*1)(*2) | Move the displayed workpiece shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With this command highlighted, press the [↑][↓][←][→] keys on the keyboard, or left-click and drag in the 3D graphics area, to move the workpiece. | |
| 18 | Rotate (*1)(*2) | Rotate the displayed workpiece shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With this command highlighted, press the [↑][↓][←][→] keys on the keyboard, or left-click and drag in the 3D graphics area, to rotate the workpiece. If you right-click and drag in the 3D graphics area, the displayed workpiece shape is rotated regardless of whether this command is highlighted. | |
| 19 | Smart Measure (*1) | Measure distance and angle between two points selected by mouse on the displayed workpiece shape or a machine model. (Optional function) | 6.3.12 Measure distance on workpiece shape |
| 20 | Pinpoint Zoom (*1)(*2) | Clearly enlarge the range specified by mouse. | 6.3.8 Partially enlarge workpiece shape |
| 21 | Side-by-side | Divide the simulation display area to display the workpiece shape and the machining shape of the same workpiece in the analysis simulation side by side. When the two screens are displayed right and left, this command is highlighted. When this command is clicked again, only the workpiece shape is displayed, and the highlight of this command is removed. | 6.3.13 Display machining shape side by side |

(*1) The highlight indicates that the command is enabled. Every time the command is clicked, it is switched between highlighted and released (enabled and disabled).

(*2) The [Zoom], [Move], [Rotate] and [Pinpoint Zoom] commands cannot be enabled at the same time. When one of them is enabled, the highlight of the other command is removed.

(Note 1) The [Select Program], [Select CAD], [View CAD], [Smart Measure] and [Pinpoint Zoom] commands are not selectable while simulation is running or paused.

(Note 2) The [Start], [Step] and [Reset] commands are not selectable when no machining program is selected.

(Note 3) All commands are highlighted when you left-click the command when it is not highlighted.

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6.2 Preparation

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To perform machining simulation, first set the data of the tool and workpiece to be used in simulation. The following describes how to prepare the data.

6.2.1 Registering tool data

Register the tool data such as the shape and length of the tool to be used in simulation.

The tool data is registered in the Tool Settings window. For detailed information, see "8 Tool settings". If you select a tool whose shape is not registered when running simulation, the following tool is displayed.

| Tool data | Description |
|-------------|---------------|
| Length | Not displayed |
| Diameter | Not displayed |
| Cut. Edge L | Not displayed |
| Holder H | 50 (mm) |
| Holder D | 30 (mm) |

6.2.2 Setting workpiece data

Set the shape, dimension, reference point position, etc. of the workpiece to be used in simulation.

You can set data such as the workpiece reference point shift amount, dimension, color, etc. from the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display.

See "(4) Workpiece" of "4.3.2.4 Machining simulation settings" for the setting range and the guide figure of each item.

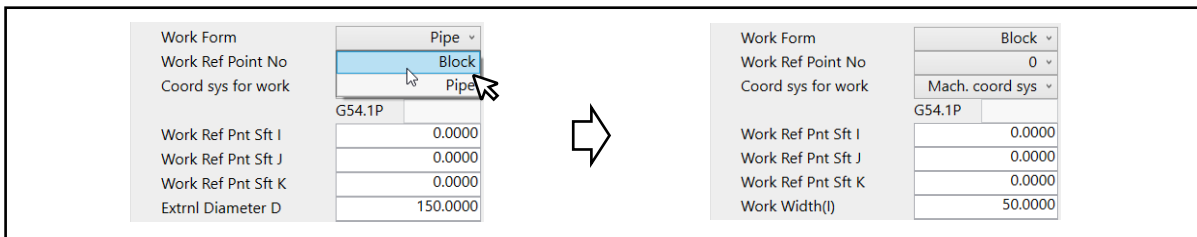
■ Set Work Form

Select the shape of the workpiece.

(1) Click the arrow next to [Work Form] to expand the drop-down list.

(2) Choose Work Form from the drop-down list.
(Example) Block

The selected Work Form is displayed in the field.
The [Work pos update] is enabled.



(3) Click the [Work pos update] button.

The changed reference point coordinate of the workpiece is applied to the machining simulation window.

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■ Set Work Ref Point No

Select the reference point number of the workpiece.

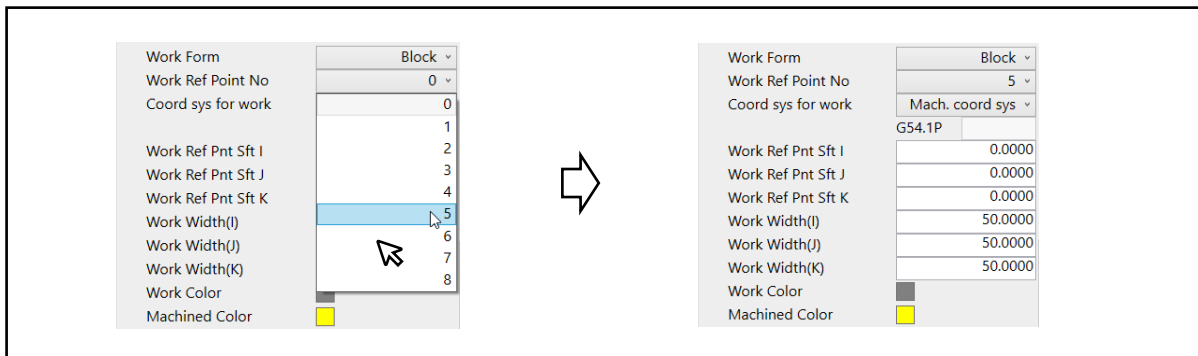
The number in the guide figure indicates the reference point number.

Decide the workpiece reference point position, and select the number at the position.

(1) Click the arrow next to [Work Ref Point No] to expand the drop-down list.

(2) Choose Work Ref Point No from the drop-down list. (Example) 5

The selected Work Ref Point No is displayed in the field. The [Work pos update] button is enabled.



(3) Click the [Work pos update] button.

The changed reference point coordinate of the workpiece is applied to the machining simulation window.

- (*) When [Block] is selected for "Work Form", the behavior is the same between when [0] is set for "Work Ref Point No" and when [5] is set.
- (*) The guide figure switches according to the machine model (vertical or horizontal machining center). For detailed information, see "4.3.2.4 Machining simulation settings".

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■ Set Coord sys for work

Select the coordinate system for workpiece.

(1) Click the arrow next to [Coord sys for work] to expand the drop-down list.

(2) Choose a coordinate system for workpiece from the drop-down list.
(Example) G54.1P

The selected coordinate system for workpiece is displayed in the field.
The [Work pos update] button is enabled.

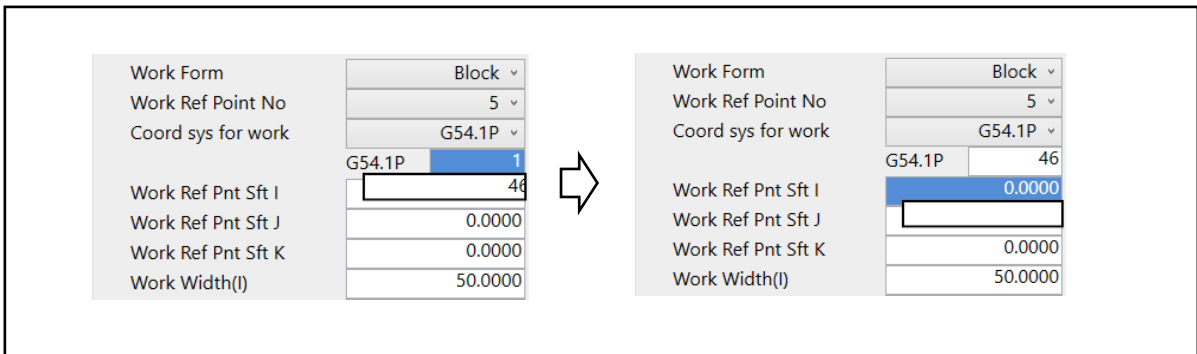
(*) When any item other than [G54.1P] is selected, the number of sets of G54.1P cannot be entered.

(3) Click the field for the number of sets of G54.1P.

The field is highlighted and an input dialog appears.

(4) Enter the number of sets of G54.1P in the input dialog and press the [Enter] key.
(Example) 46

The entered number of sets of G54.1P is displayed in the field, and the setting target moves to the next item.



(5) Click the [Work pos update] button.

The changed reference point coordinate of the workpiece is applied to the machining simulation window.

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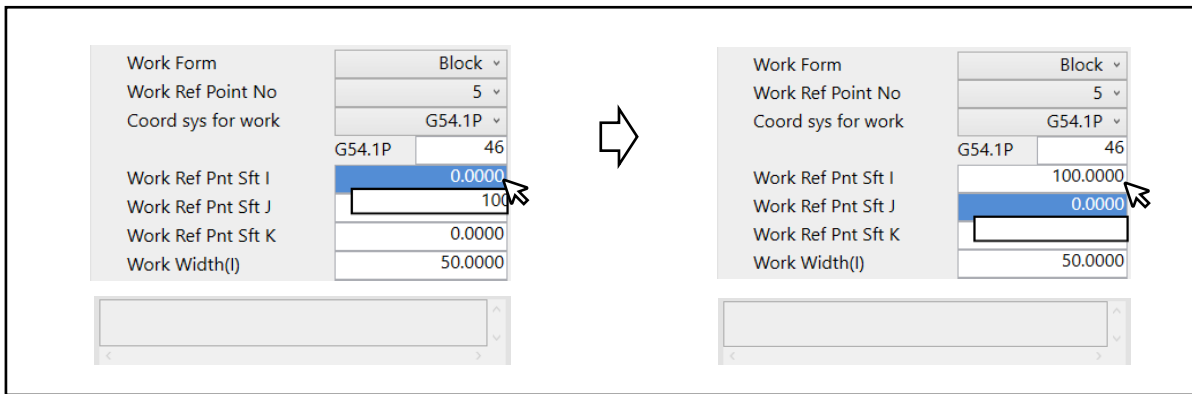
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■ Set Work Ref Pnt Sft

For Work Ref Pnt Sft, specify the shift amount from the reference point of the coordinate system selected with [Coord sys for work] to the reference point of the workpiece.

- (1) Click the "Work Ref Pnt Sft I" field. → The field is highlighted, and an input dialog appears.

- (2) Enter shift amount to the reference point in the input dialog and press [Enter].
(Example) 100 → The input shift amount to the reference point is displayed in the field, and the selection for setting moves on to the next field.
The [Work pos update] button is enabled.



- (3) Set the other Work Ref Pnt Sft data in the same manner.

- (4) Click the [Work pos update] button. → The changed reference point coordinate of the workpiece is applied to the machining simulation window.

(*) If the position of the workpiece graphic origin (Work Ref Point No 5) will be out of the range as a result of the settings of Work Ref Pnt Sft and Work Width, the entered value is not set, and the "Out of range" message appears.

If you press [Esc], the input dialog disappears.

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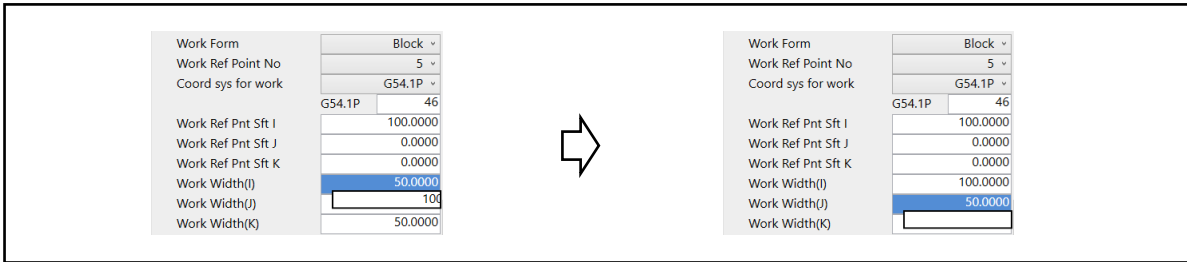
■ Set Work Width (I)

Set Work Width in mm when mm system is in use; in inch when inch system is in use.

(1) Click the "Work Width (I)" field.

(2) Enter Work Width.
(Example) 100

The input Work Width is displayed in the field.



(3) Set the other Work Width data in the same manner.

(*) If the position of the workpiece graphic origin (Work Ref Point No 5) will be out of the range as a result of the settings of Work Ref Pnt Sft and Work Width, the workpiece graphic origin is converted to the maximum/minimum value of the range.

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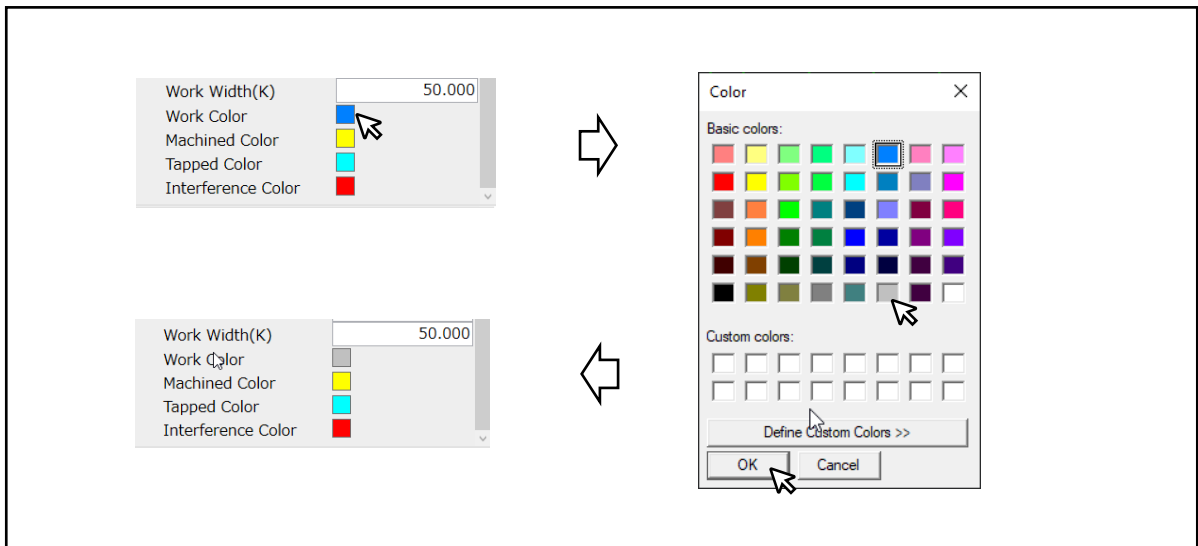
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■ Set Work Color

Set the display colors of workpiece, machining surface and interference surface.

When the display colors of them are not changed, this setting is not required.

- (1) Click the "Work Color" field. → The Color window appears.
- (2) Choose a color from the Color window, and click [OK]. → The "Work Color" field is displayed in the color you selected.



- (3) Set the other colors in the same manner.

(*) If workpiece data is not set when simulation is run, the workpiece is displayed based on the following data.

| Workpiece data | Description |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Work Form | Block |
| Work Ref Point No | 0 |
| Coord sys for work | Machining coordinate system |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft I | 0 (mm) |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft J | 0 (mm) |
| Work Ref Pnt Sft K | 0 (mm) |
| Work Width (I) | 100 (mm) |
| Work Width (J) | 100 (mm) |
| Work Width (K) | 50 (mm) |
| Work Color | Gray |
| Machined Color | Yellow |
| Tapped Color | Light blue |
| Interference Color | Red |

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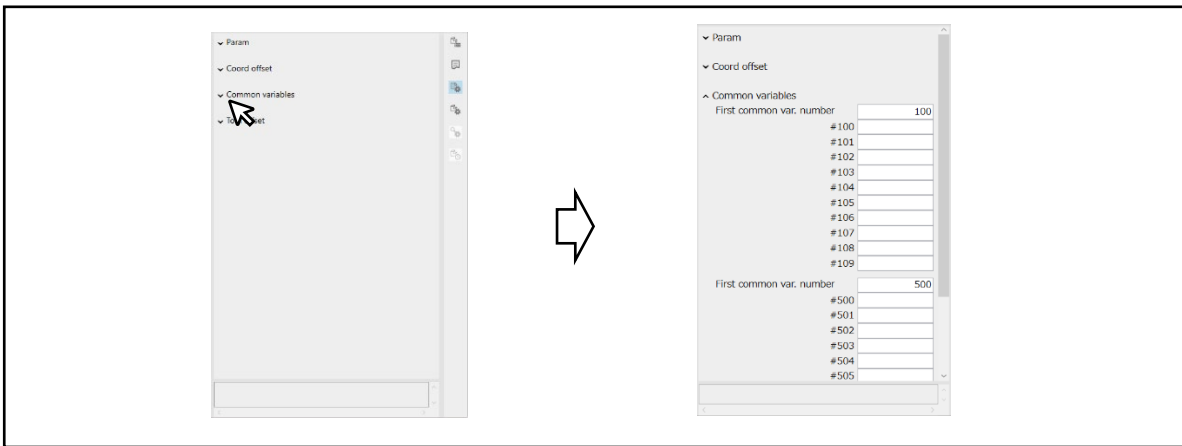
Click [Machining simulation] in the function menu.

6.3.1 Set NC data (coordinate system, parameters, etc.)

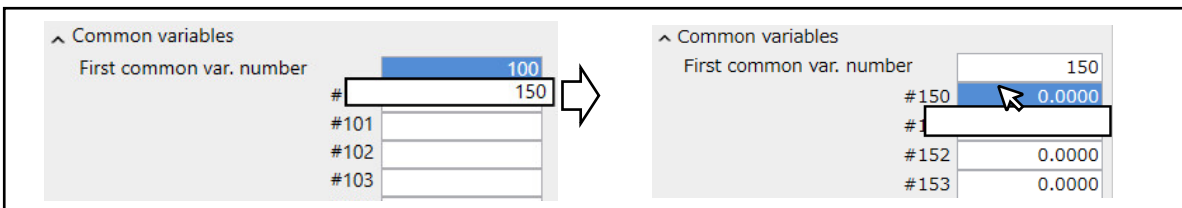
You can set common variables and coordinate system offset to be used in machining program.

The following is an example of how to set a value to the common variables.

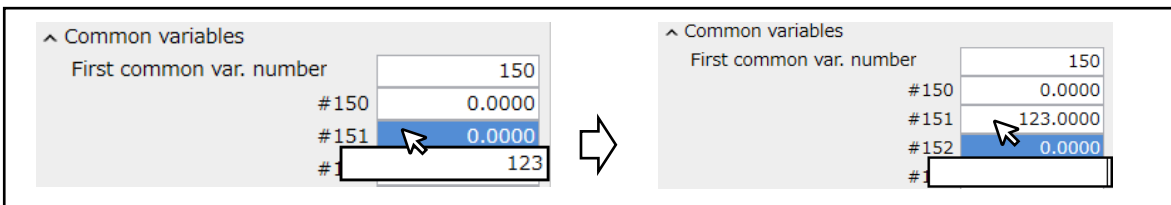
- (1) Click the icon of the sub-display switch button to open "NC Data List".
- (2) Click  to expand "Common variables".



- (3) Click the input field of "First common var. number" to enter a desired common variable number.



- (4) The common variable of the entered number is displayed.
Click the input field of the desired variable to enter a value for the variable.



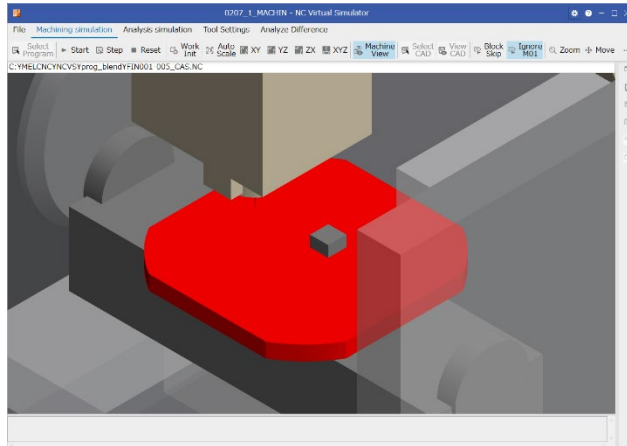
(Note) If an out-of-range value is input, the message "This value cannot be set." appears.

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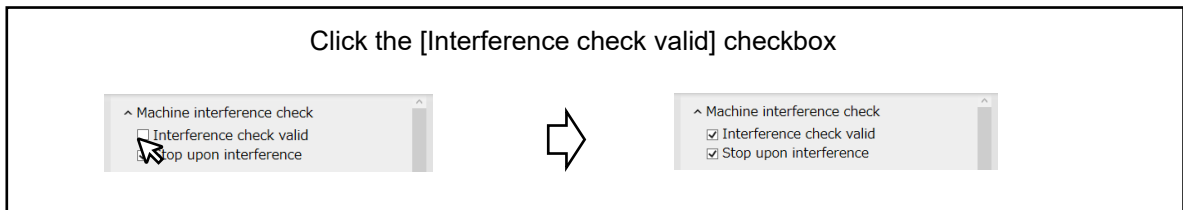
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6.3.2 Check interference

Interference check is a function to detect an interference between a tool and a machine part, an interference between machine parts, etc. If the tool, workpiece, and machine parts come into contact with one another, the contacting parts are indicated with the interference color specified in the Machining simulation settings. When the [Interference check valid] checkbox is checked in the Machining simulation settings sub-display, this function is enabled. When an interference is detected, whether to stop or not to stop the simulation can be switched by [Stop upon interference] in the sub-display.



- (1) Click the [Interference check valid] checkbox. → The [Interference check valid] checkbox is checked, and the interference check function is enabled.



If you click the [Interference check valid] checkbox again, the checkbox is cleared, and interference check is disabled.

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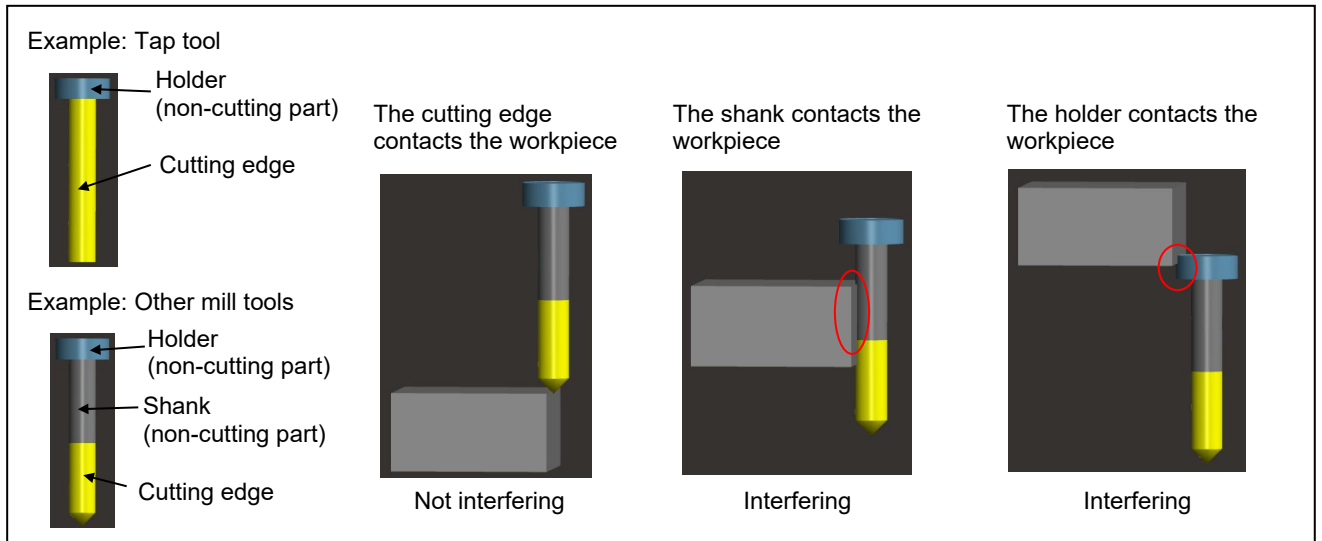
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The following table summarizes the combination of the parts between which interference is detected.

| Part 2 | | Part 1 | Workpiece | Machine part |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------------|
| Tool | Cutting edge | | - (*1) | ✓ |
| | Holder Shank | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Machine part | | | ✓ | ✓ |

✓ : Interference is detected. - : Interference is not detected.

(*1) Interference is detected if the workpiece and the cutting edge interfere with each other due to a movement other than cutting feed.



(Note 1) If the tool comes into contact with an object other than the workpiece, interference is detected regardless of whether it is the cutting edge or non-cutting part of the tool.

(Note 2) When the [Stop upon interference] checkbox is not checked, no alarm messages are displayed in the message display area at the bottom of the machining simulation screen.

(Note 3) If simulation is resumed after it stopped because of interference, simulation continues in interference state until the interference is resolved.

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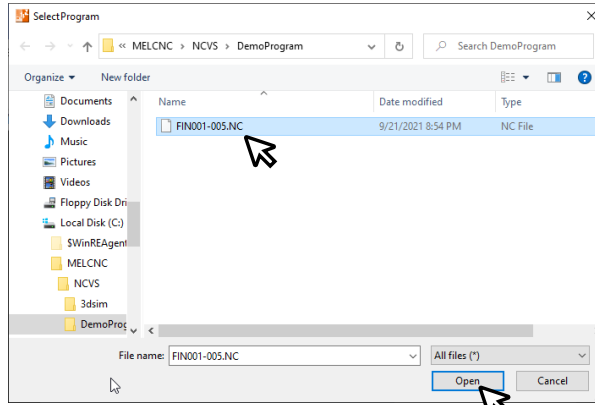
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6.3.3 Select a program

Choose the machining program to simulate.

- (1) Click the [Select Program] command.

A file selection dialog appears.



- (2) Choose the machining program to simulate, and click [Open].

The file name of the selected machining program is displayed in the program path area.

(Note 1) A file name must not exceed 32 characters; a folder name must not exceed 48 characters. If the file name is longer than 32 characters, or the folder name is longer than 48 characters, an error message dialog appears.

(Note 2) The main program and subprograms must be stored in the same folder.

6.3.4 Start simulation

Simulate the cutting process of the selected program, and render the graphic of the workpiece. Start simulation with the [Start] or [Step] command.

To run the program continuously, click [Start]. To run the program block by block, click [Step].

If no program is selected, simulation cannot be started. Select a program by following the steps in "6.3.3 Select a program" before starting simulation.

- (1) Click the [Start] or [Step] command.

The command is highlighted, and the simulation starts. The counters and machining time in the processing status sub-display are updated.

- (2) When M02 or M03 in the program is issued, simulation is completed.

The highlight of the [Start] command is removed.

(*) If you click [Start] during continuous operation, simulation is paused.

If you click [Start] while simulation is paused, simulation resumes.

(*) If you click [Step] during continuous operation, simulation is run block by block from the next block.

If you click [Start] during step operation, the simulation is switched to continuous operation.

(*) If you click [Reset] while simulation is running, simulation is stopped after the current block completes.

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6.3.5 Stop simulation

Stop the ongoing simulation.

- (1)

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|----------------------------|
| Click the [Reset] command. |
|----------------------------|

 Simulation stops.
The highlight of the [Start] command is removed.

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6.3.6 Change the point of view on workpiece

You can change the point of view of the workpiece shape (or machining shape) to be displayed in the simulation display area.

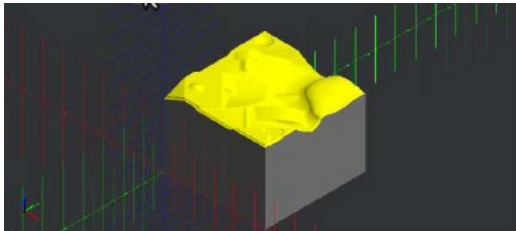
The point of view is changed as specified according to whether the machine is a vertical or horizontal machining center, which is determined based on the machine configuration of the selected project. If a project to which no machine model has been imported is selected, the point of view is for a vertical machining center.

| | Machine coordinate system | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| | XY plane | YZ plane | ZX plane | XYZ (3D display) |
| Vertical machining center | | | | |
| Horizontal machining center (X axis is vertical) | | | | |
| Horizontal machining center (Y axis is vertical) | | | | |

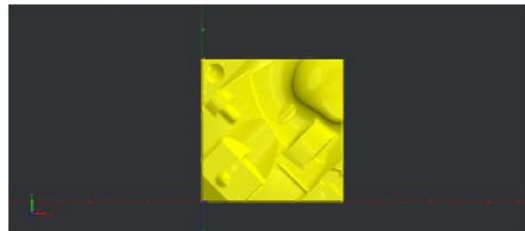
The view depends on the machine configuration and the command as shown below. (The figure is an example of the machining simulation window.)

■ Point of view for a vertical machining center

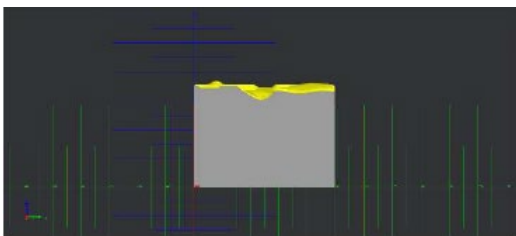
[XYZ] command



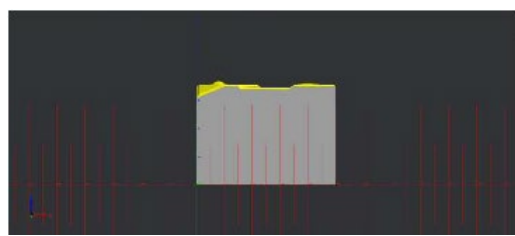
[XY] command (View from the plus side of Z axis)



[YZ] command (View from the plus side of X axis)



[ZX] command (View from the minus side of Y axis)

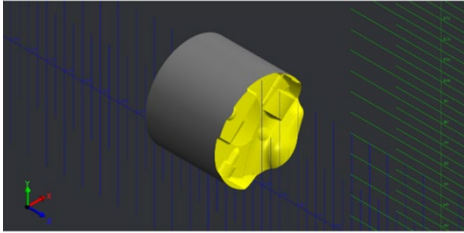


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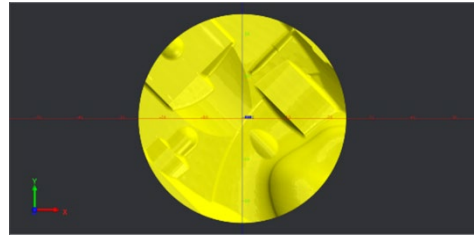
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■ Point of view for a horizontal machining center (for machine model with vertical Y axis)

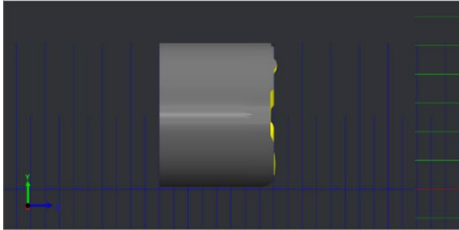
[XYZ] command



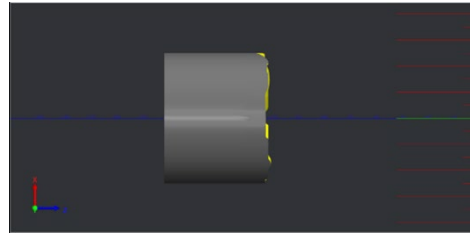
[XY] command (View from the plus side of Z axis)



[YZ] command (View from the plus side of X axis)



[ZX] command (View from the plus side of Y axis)



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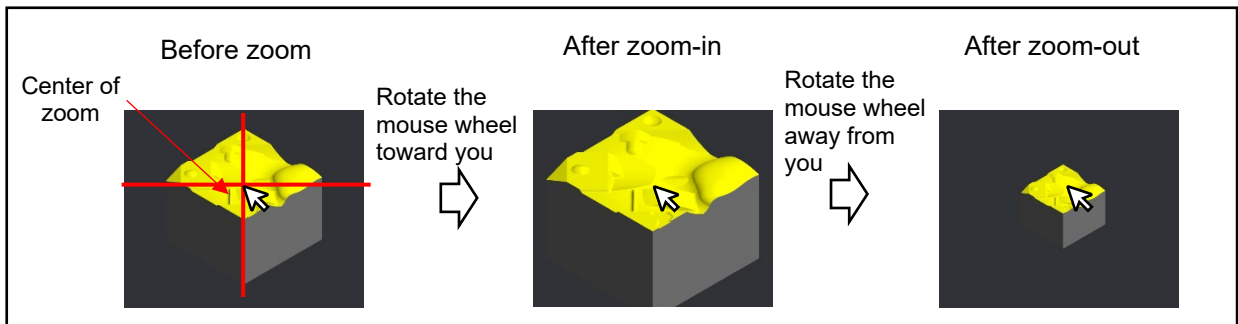
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6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size

You can zoom, move, and rotate the displayed workpiece shape.

■ Zoom in/out the workpiece shape (1)

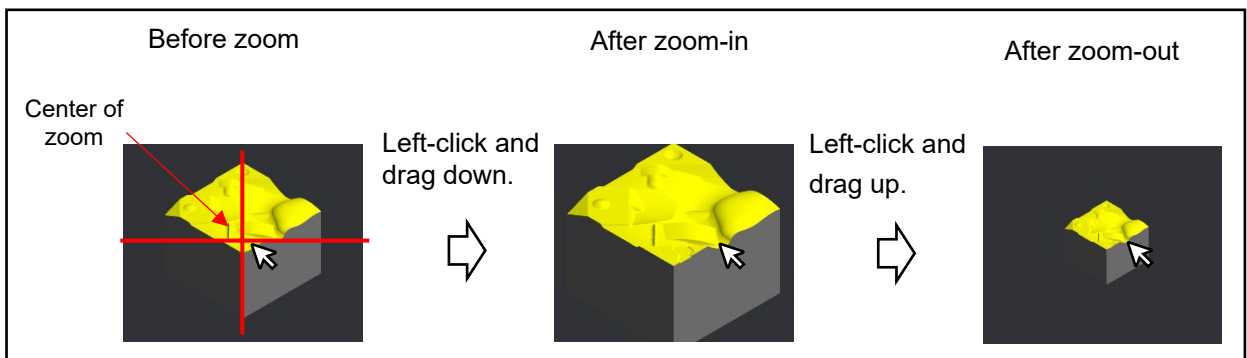
- (1) With the mouse pointer in the 3D graphics area, rotate the mouse wheel. → The workpiece shape is zoomed in/out with the position of the mouse pointer as the center. To zoom in, rotate the mouse wheel toward you, and to zoom out, rotate it away from you. This operation is available regardless of whether the [Zoom] command is ON or OFF.



■ Zoom in/out the workpiece shape (2)

- (1) Click the [Zoom] command. → The Zoom mode is turned on, and the [Zoom] command is highlighted. The highlight of the [Move] or [Rotate] command is removed.

- (2) With the mouse pointer in the 3D graphics area, left-click and up or down. → The workpiece shape is zoomed in/out with the position of the mouse pointer where drag was started as the center. To zoom in, drag down, and to zoom out, drag up.



The [↑] and [↓] keys on the keyboard are available to zoom in and out the workpiece shape instead of the mouse left button operation.

- (3) After the zoom-in/out operation, click the [Zoom] command to turn off the Zoom mode.

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■ Move the workpiece shape (1)

- (1) When the [Zoom] and [Rotate] commands are not highlighted, left-click and drag while the mouse pointer is in the 3D graphics area.

→ The workpiece shape moved in the direction to which you dragged is displayed again.



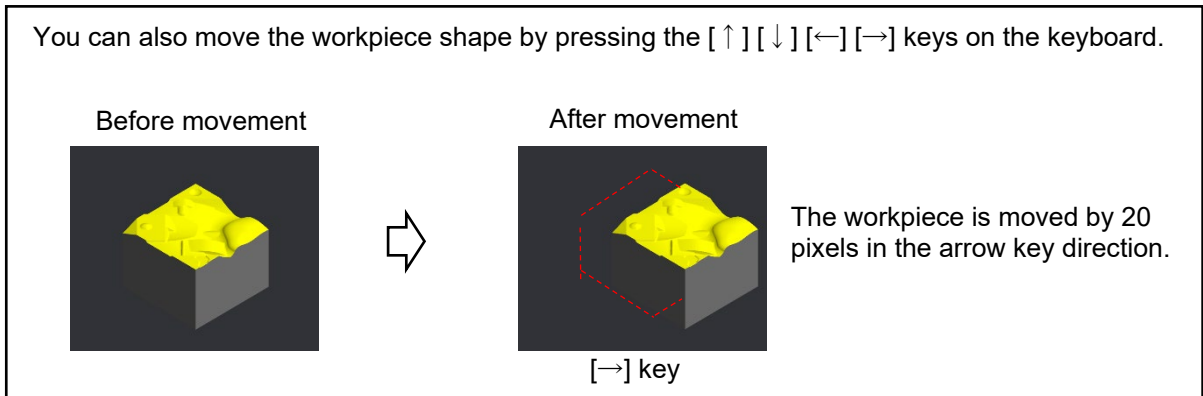
■ Move the workpiece shape (2)

- (1) Click the [Move] command.

→ The Move mode is turned on, and the [Move] command is highlighted. The highlight of the [Zoom] or [Rotate] command, if highlighted, is removed.

- (2) Press the [→] key on the keyboard.

→ The workpiece shape moved in the right direction is displayed again.



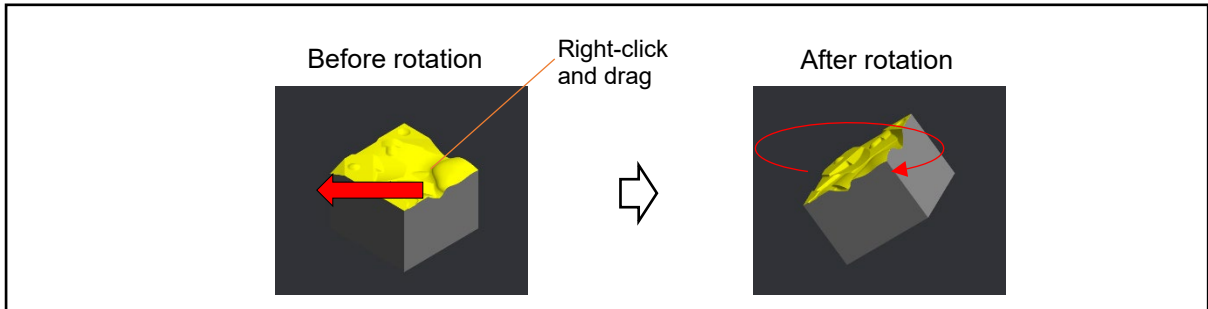
- (3) After the move operation, click the [Move] command to turn off the Move mode.

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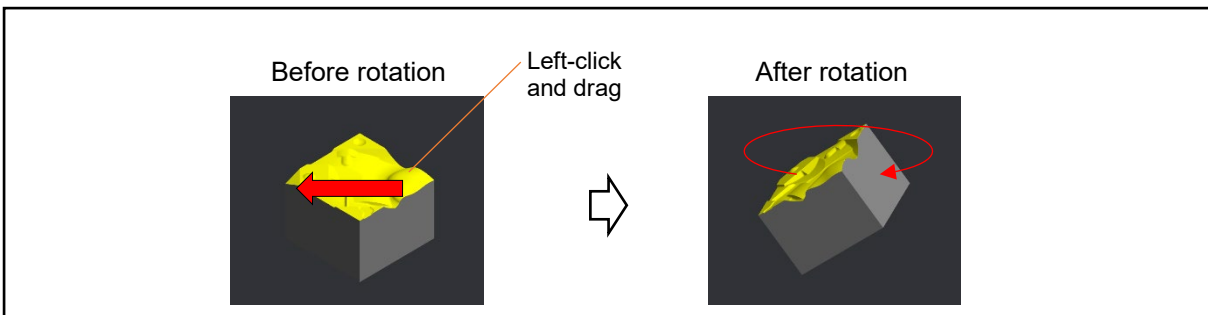
■ Rotate the workpiece shape (1)

- (1) With the mouse pointer in the 3D graphics area, right-click and drag. → The workpiece shape rotated in the direction you dragged is displayed again. This operation is available regardless of whether the [Rotate] command is ON or OFF.



■ Rotate the workpiece shape (2)

- (1) Click the [Rotate] command. → The Rotate mode is turned on, and the [Rotate] command is highlighted. The highlight of the [Zoom] or [Move] command is removed.
- (2) With the mouse pointer in the 3D graphics area, left-click and drag. → The workpiece shape rotated in the direction you dragged is displayed again.



The arrow keys on the keyboard are available to rotate the workpiece shape instead of the mouse left button operation.

- (3) After the rotation operation, click the [Rotate] command to turn off the Rotate mode.

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6.3.8 Partially enlarge workpiece shape

Pinpoint zoom is a function to be used when the clarity is insufficient when the normal zoom function is used, and to allow you to cut out the workpiece shape in the range specified by mouse to enlarge the graphic with a higher accuracy.

When [Cancel zoom.] in the right-click menu is selected, the workpiece shape returns to the original display.

(1) Click the [Pinpoint Zoom] command.



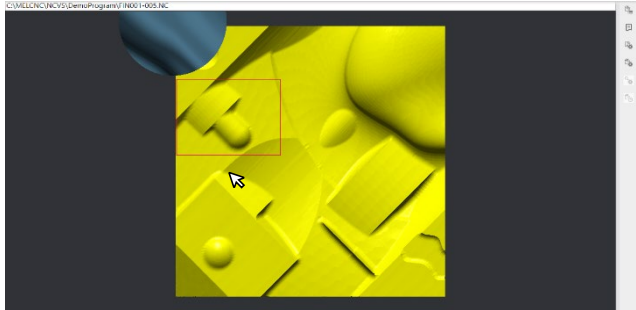
The [Pinpoint Zoom] command is highlighted.

(*) When the [Pinpoint Zoom] command is highlighted, the workpiece shape cannot be zoomed, moved and rotated by mouse.

(2) Move the mouse while holding the mouse left button.



A range selection rectangle is displayed so that the position where the mouse left button is clicked is the start point, and the position where the mouse is moved is the end point.



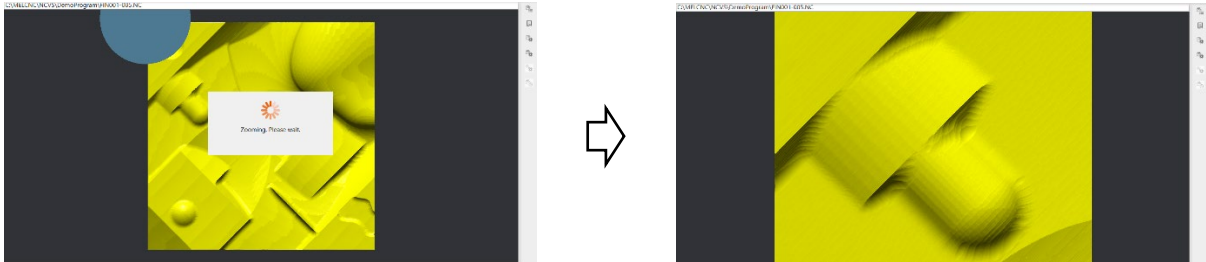
- (*) Among the four vertices of the range selection rectangle, at least one of them must be on the workpiece. If all the four of them are not on the workpiece, pinpoint zoom is not enabled.
- (*) If four sides of the range selection rectangle is less than 10 pixels, pinpoint zoom is not enabled.
- (*) If the [Esc] key is pressed while the mouse is moved, the range selection rectangle disappears and pinpoint zoom is not enabled.

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- (3) Move the mouse to the end point of the pinpoint zoom range, and release the mouse left button.

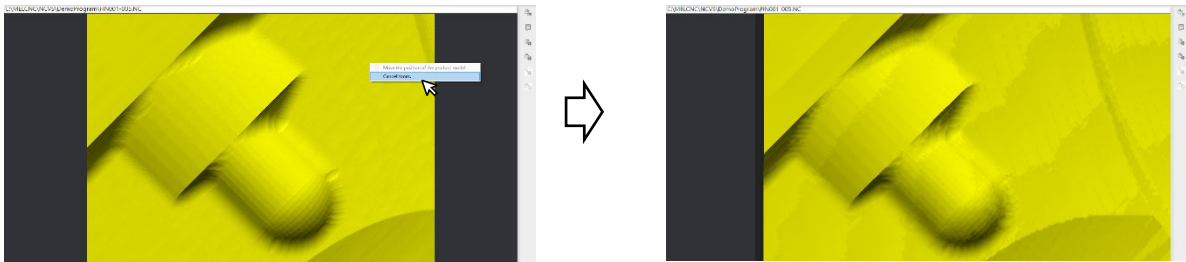
The range selection rectangle is hidden and the progress window appears. The size of the block to be partially enlarged is calculated from the range selection rectangle, and the range is enlarged. When the pinpoint zoom is completed, the progress window is hidden, and the highlight of the [Pinpoint Zoom] is removed.



- (*) The partially enlarged workpiece shape can be zoomed, moved, rotated, and partially enlarged.
- (*) When the pinpoint zoom is performed for the workpiece shape saved while the pinpoint zoom is disabled, the workpiece shape in the selected range is initialized and displayed. Click the [Redraw] button in the Machining simulation settings to perform the pinpoint zoom after simulation graphic is performed.

- (4) Select [Cancel zoom.] in the right-click menu on the 3D graphics area.

The workpiece shape before pinpoint zoom is displayed.

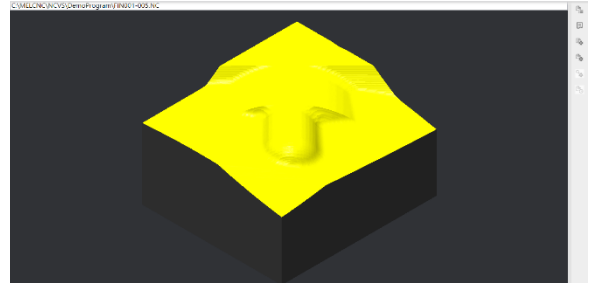
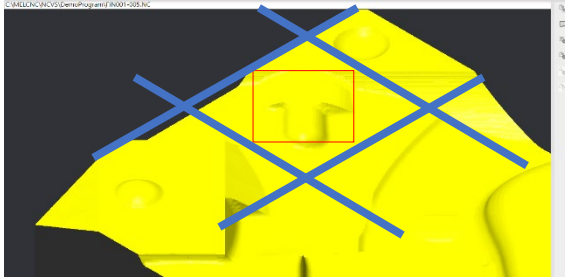


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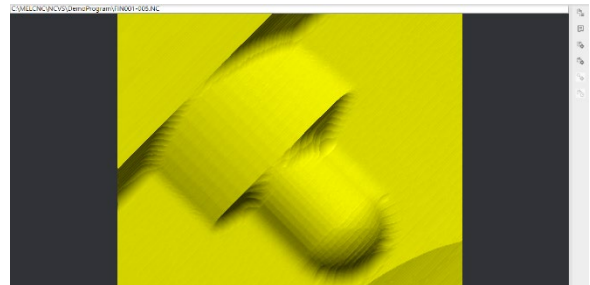
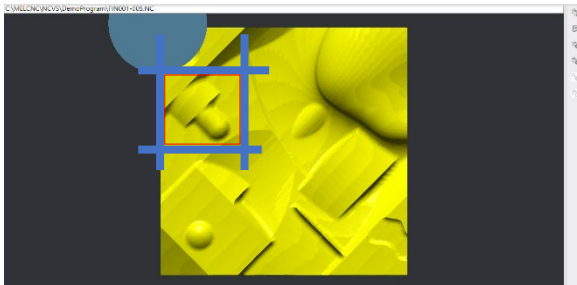
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(Note 1) The size of the block to be partially enlarged is calculated from the lines parallel to the X, Y and Z axes that come in contact with the four vertices of the range selection rectangle.

[XYZ view]



[XY view]



(Note 2) If simulation is started during pinpoint zoom, the workpiece shape before the pinpoint zoom is displayed and simulation is started.

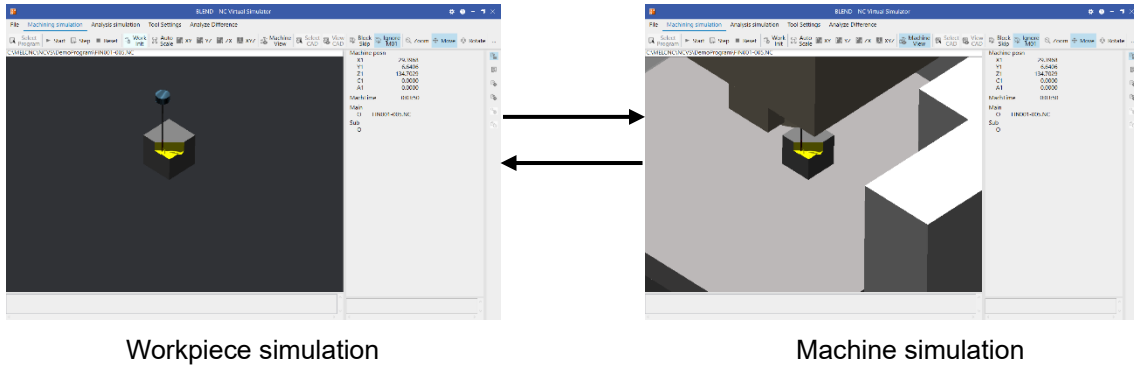
(Note 3) When a project is saved during pinpoint zoom while [Geometry saving invalid] of the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display is not checked, the workpiece shape returns to the one before the pinpoint zoom. When [Geometry saving invalid] is not checked, the shape is not saved and the shape of the unmachined workpiece is displayed.

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6.3.9 Switch between machine simulation and workpiece simulation

You can toggle between machine simulation and workpiece simulation by clicking [Machine View]. Machine simulation shows the machine and jig as well as the workpiece and tool, which helps you figure out the positional relationship in the actual machine and the position of interference. Workpiece simulation only shows the tool and workpiece, making it easy to check the shape of the workpiece and the process of machining.



The following describes how to toggle between workpiece simulation and machine simulation.

- (1) Click the [Machine View] command. ➔ Machine simulation is displayed.
The [Machine View] command is highlighted.
- (2) Click the [Machine View] command again. ➔ Workpiece simulation is displayed.
The highlight of the [Machine View] command is removed.

(Note 1) Even when workpiece simulation is selected, interference involving the machine or jig is detected and simulation is stopped.

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6.3.10 Superimpose product CAD model on workpiece shape

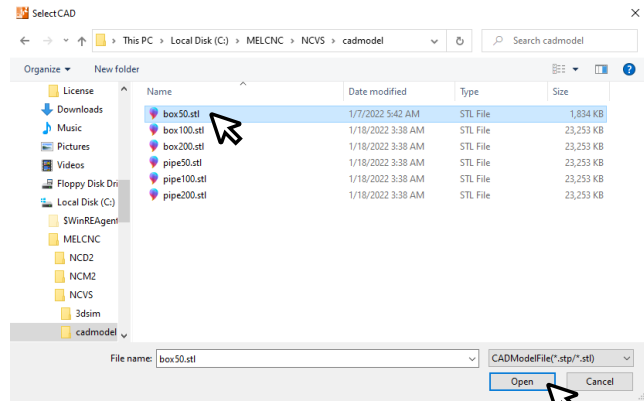
When the product CAD model is superimposed on the machining-simulated workpiece shape, you can check whether a process of the machining program is missed or the processing order is correct. The product CAD model that can be read is a file in STEP format or STL format.

Prepare data where the mm/inch unit system of the product CAD model file is in accordance with the unit system of the NC parameter (#1041 I_inch).

■ Superimpose product CAD model on workpiece shape

(1) Click the [Select CAD] command.

A file selection dialog appears.



- (*) When the product CAD model is already selected in analysis simulation, the already selected product CAD model is superimposed by clicking the [View CAD] command.
- (*) The selected product CAD model file is displayed by clicking the [View CAD] command in analysis simulation or on the difference analysis window.

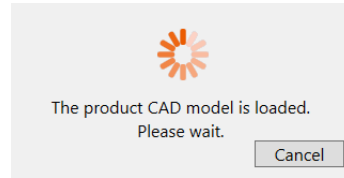
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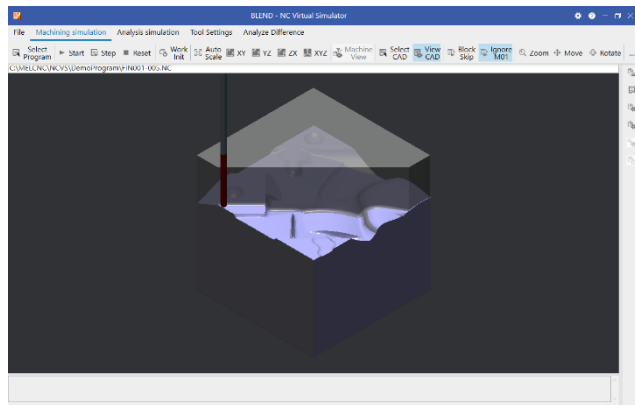
- (2) Select a file of the product CAD model to be superimposed on the workpiece shape, and click [Open].

The progress window appears and reading starts. The reading time depends on the size of workpiece shape and CAD model.

To stop the reading before it completes, click the [Cancel] button.



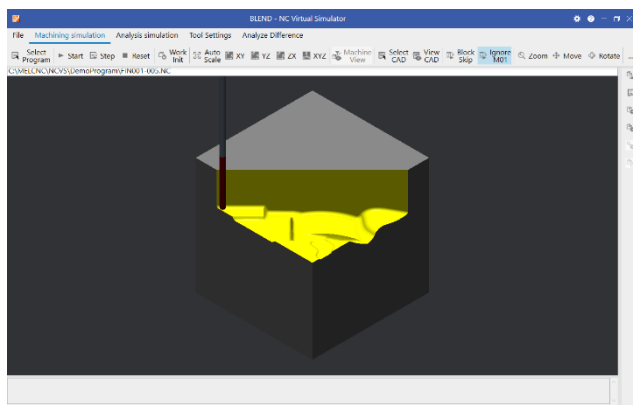
When the reading is completed, the selected product CAD model is superimposed on the workpiece shape, and the [View CAD] command is highlighted.



■ Cancel superimposition of the product CAD model

- (1) When the product model is superimposed, click the [View CAD] command.

The superimposition of the product CAD model is canceled. The highlight of the [View CAD] command is removed.



(*) Also when the [Start] or [Step] command is clicked to start simulation while the product mode is superimposed, the superimposition of the product CAD model is canceled.

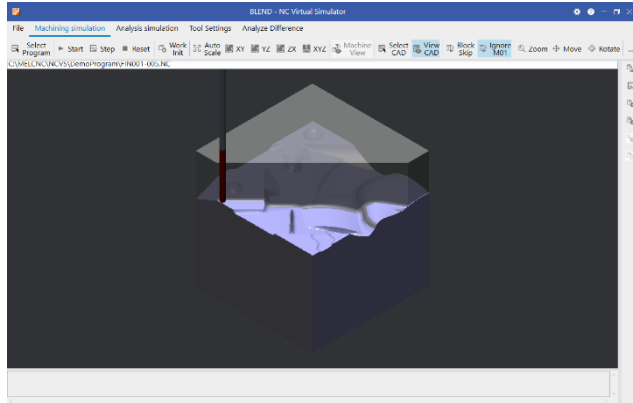
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■ Superimpose the product CAD model again

- (1) When the product model is not superimposed, click the [View CAD] command.

The product CAD model is superimposed again. The [View CAD] command is highlighted.



(Note1) When the product CAD model is superimposed, the colors of the machined surface and the tapped surface are the same as the workpiece color. To return the colors to the original ones, start machining simulation again.

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6.3.11 Adjust display position of product CAD model

When the product CAD model is read to be superimposed, the model may be displayed at an unexpected position. In this case, adjust the superimposition position by the following operation.

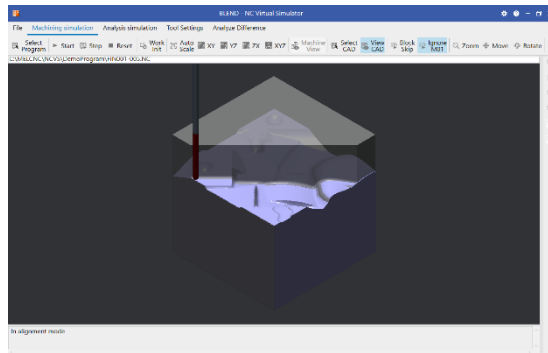
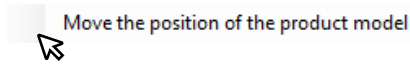
■ Adjust display position of product CAD model

(1) Click the [View CAD] command.

The product CAD model is superimposed on the workpiece shape.
The [View CAD] command is highlighted.

(2) Click [Move the position of the product model] in the right click menu on the 3D graphics area.

The mode turns to the positioning mode of the product CAD model.
"In alignment mode" is displayed in the message display area.



(3) Click the [XY], [YZ], [ZX] or [XYZ] command to change the point of view.

The workpiece shape and the product CAD model are displayed from the view of the clicked command.

(4) Press the arrow key of the desired direction.

The product CAD model moves to the direction of the arrow key.

(*) When [XYZ] is clicked, the model moves to the following direction.

Vertical machining center

[↑], [↓] keys: Z axis direction

[←], [→] keys: X axis direction

Horizontal machining center (for machine model with vertical X axis)

[↑], [↓] keys: X axis direction

[←], [→] keys: Z axis direction

Horizontal machining center (for machine model with vertical Y axis)

[↑], [↓] keys: Y axis direction

[←], [→] keys: Z axis direction

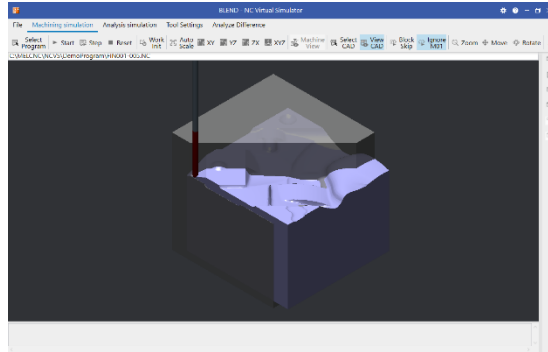
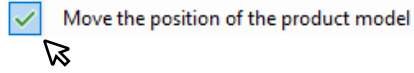
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■ End adjustment of display position of product CAD model

- (1) Click [Move the position of the product model] in the right-click menu on the 3D graphics area.

The positioning mode of the product CAD model is ended. "In alignment mode" displayed in the message display area is hidden.



(*)When the [Esc] key is pressed and when a command other than [XY], [YZ], [ZX] and [XYZ] is clicked, adjustment of the display position is ended.

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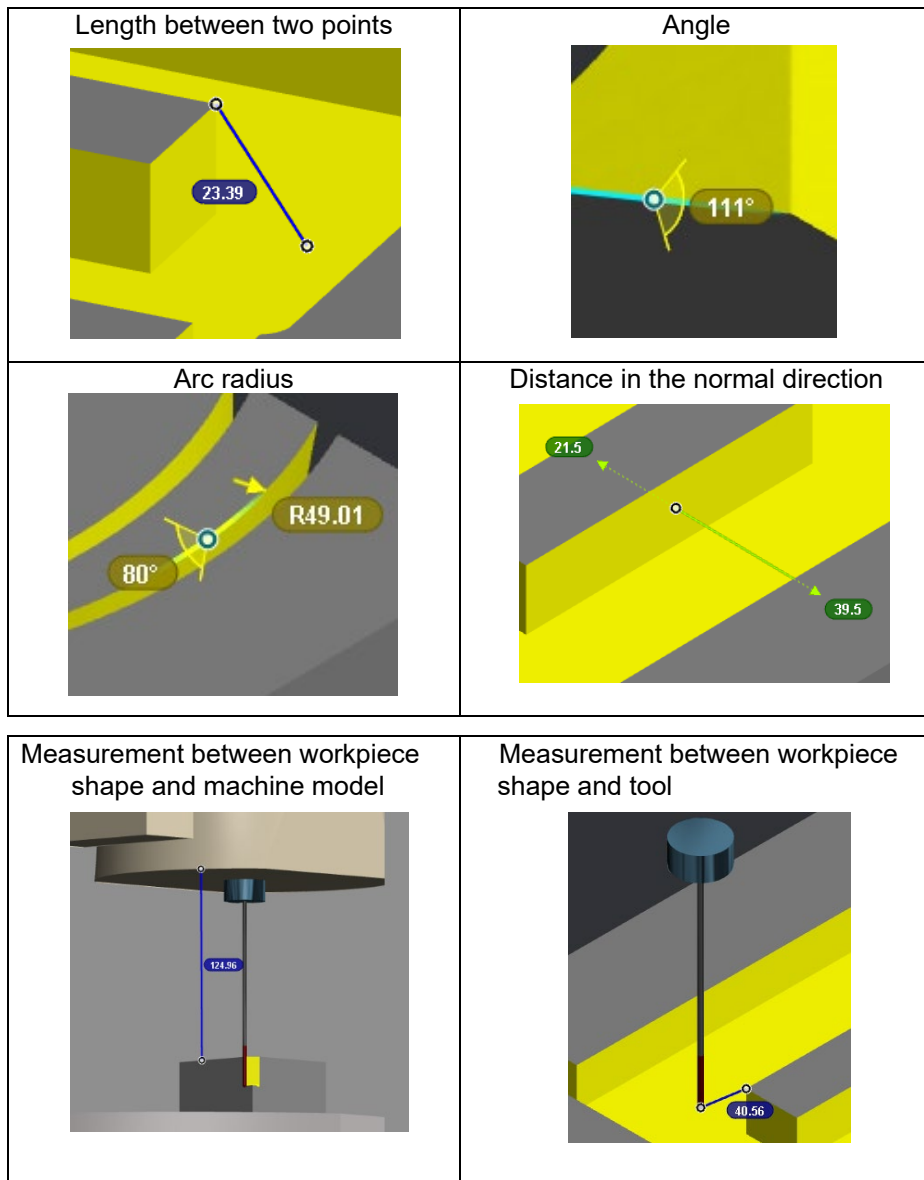
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6.3.12 Measure distance on workpiece shape

The smart measurement function allows you to measure the workpiece shape dimension and the distance between workpiece and tool and between workpiece and machine model. (Optional function)

When the workpiece shape dimension is measured, you can measure the length between two points, the angle of edge or arc, the radius of arc, and so on.

The smart measurement function has the measurement mode and the measurement option. For the measurement mode, you specify whether to measure the distance between two points as a straight line or decomposed orthogonal three axes. For the measurement option, you specify whether to enable or disable snap to the vertex and edge. For details, see "4.3.2.4 Machining simulation settings".



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The following are the measurement target and type.

| | |
|--------|--|
| Target | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workpiece shape• Tool• Machine model |
| Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure an angle. (Specify one point at the intersection of surfaces.)• Measure an arc radius. (Specify one point on the arc.)• Measure a distance in the normal direction. (Specify one point on the surface.)• Measure a distance between two points. (Specify the two points on the measurement target.) |

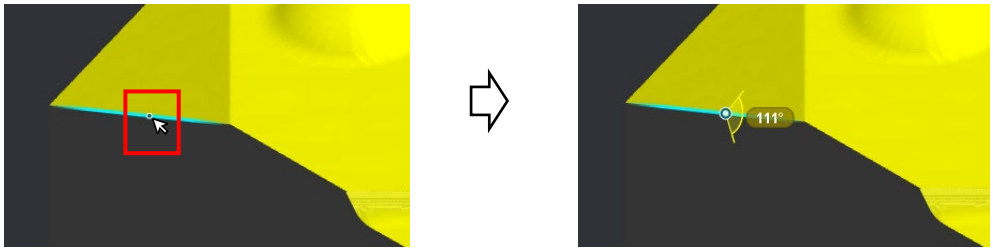
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■ Measure the angle/arc/distance in the normal direction

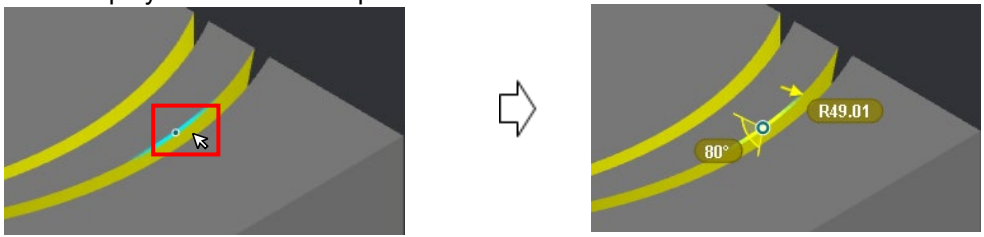
(1) Click the [Smart Measure] command. → The [Smart Measure] command is highlighted.

(2) Move the mouse cursor to the shape to measure the angle and left-click. (*1) → The measurement point (first point) and angle are displayed at the left-clicked position.

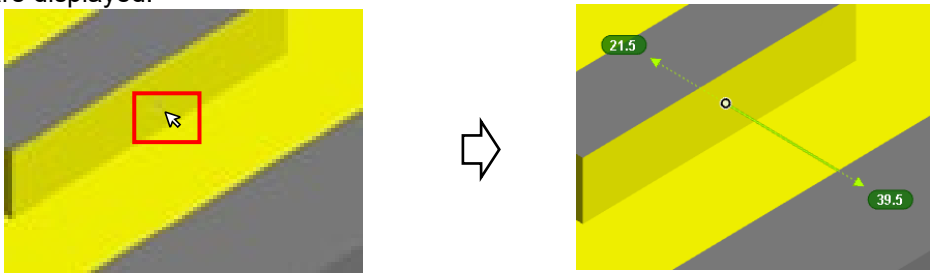


(*1) To continue the measurement, move the mouse cursor to the shape you want to measure, and right-click.
 (*1) To delete the measurement point, left-click on the measurement point or left- and right-click at the same time.

(*1) When you left-click on the shape to measure the arc, the measurement point (first point), radius and angle are displayed at the clicked position.



When you left-click on the shape to measure the distance in the normal direction, the measurement point (first point) and distance in the normal direction (boundary between workpiece inner surface and space side) are displayed.



(Note) If you move the mouse and left-click when the angle, arc or distance in the normal direction is already measured (the measurement point is displayed), a distance between two points is measured.

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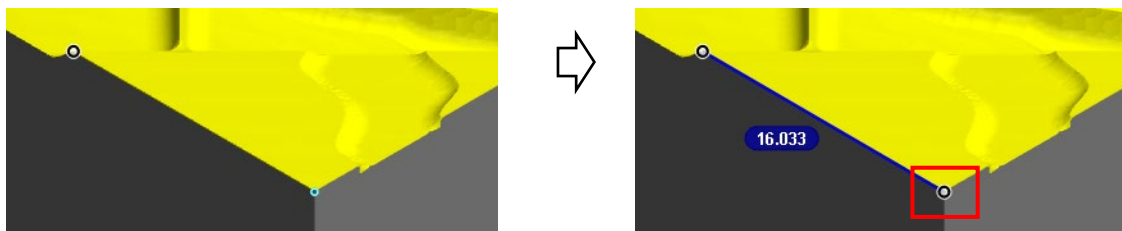
■ Measure the distance between two points

(1) Click the [Smart Measure] command. → The [Smart Measure] command is highlighted.

(2) Move the mouse cursor to the measurement start point and left-click. → The measurement point (first point) is displayed at the left-clicked position.



(3) Move the mouse cursor to the measurement end point and left-click. → The measurement point (second point) is displayed at the left-clicked position, and the measured distance is displayed between the measurement points.



(*) To delete the two measurement points, left-click on the measurement point (first point) or left- and right- click at the same time.

(Note) When the distance between two points is already measured, the measurement points can be changed with the following operation.

| Operation | Behavior |
|-------------|--|
| Left-click | The second measurement point is moved to the clicked position. |
| Right-click | The first measurement point is moved to the clicked position. |

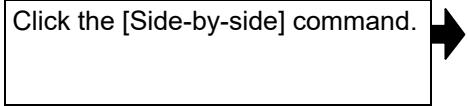
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6.3.13 Display machining shape side by side

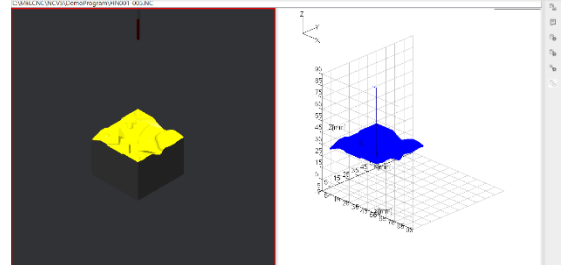
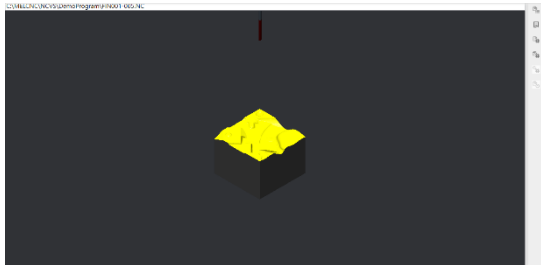
The analysis simulation can be displayed in parallel with the workpiece shape of machining simulation. This makes it easier to compare the analysis simulation and the workpiece shape of machining simulation from various angles.

- (1) Click the [Side-by-side] command.



The [Side-by-side] command is highlighted. The simulation display area is divided into two screens, and following shapes are displayed.
 Simulation area (left): workpiece shape
 Simulation area (right): machining shape of analysis simulation

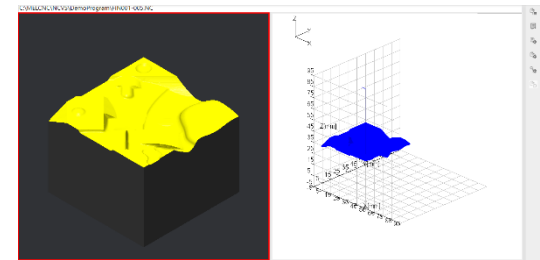
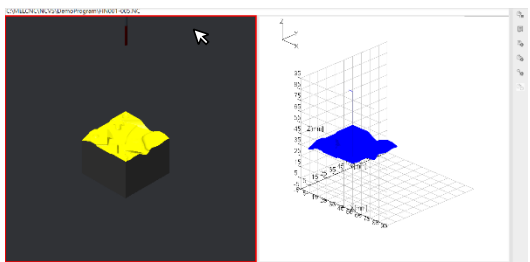
The simulation area (left) is selected and enclosed in a red frame. The sub-display switch button [Analysis simulation settings] is enabled to be selected.



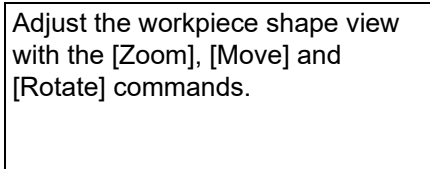
- (2) Click the [Auto Scale] command.



Zoom the workpiece shape in the simulation area (left) so that the size is about 90% of the graphics area.

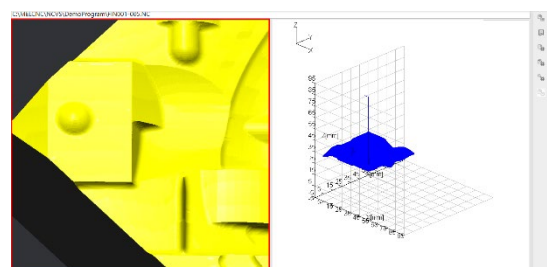
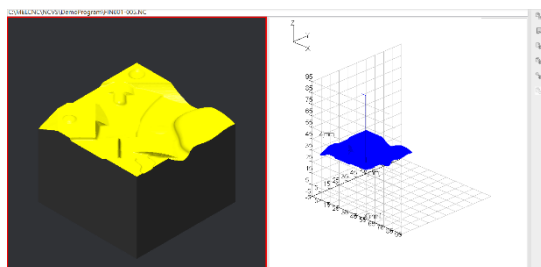


- (3) Adjust the workpiece shape view with the [Zoom], [Move] and [Rotate] commands.



The workpiece shape in the simulation area (left) is displayed according to the command operation. (Note) When the selected simulation area is not displayed in XYZ (3D), the [Rotate] command is not selectable.

For information about how to adjust the view, see "6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size".



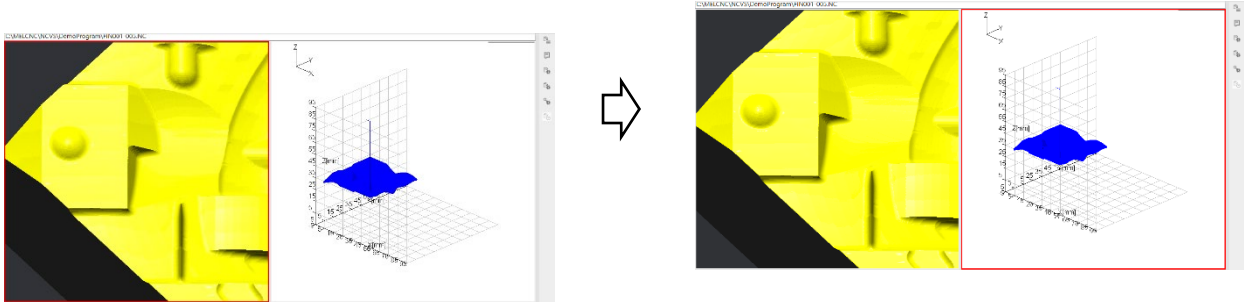
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- (4) Left-click the simulation area (right), or press the [Tab] key.

The simulation area (right) is selected, and enclosed in a red frame.

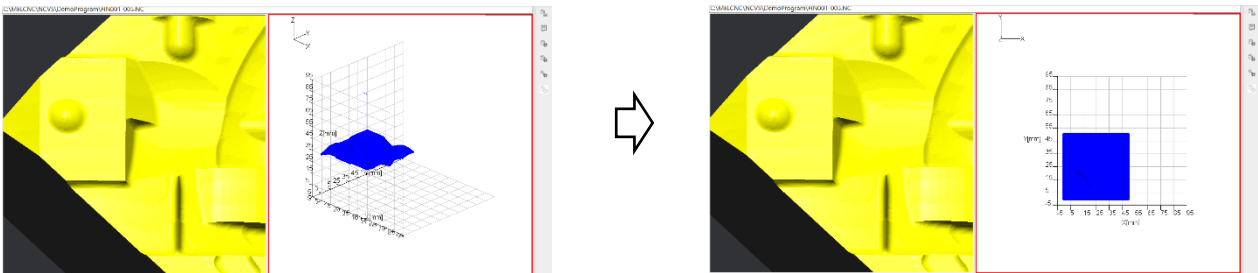
While the simulation area (right) is selected, the [Work Init] and [Machine View] commands are not selectable.



- (5) Click the [XY], [YZ], [ZX] or [XYZ] command to change the point of view.
Example: [XY] command

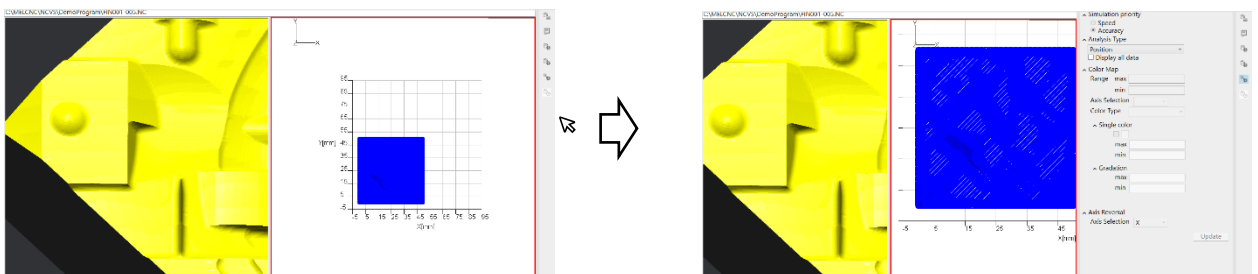
The machining shape of analysis simulation in the simulation area (right) is displayed from the view of the clicked command.

(Note) When the selected simulation area is not displayed in XYZ (3D), the [Rotate] command is not selectable.



- (6) Select [Analysis simulation settings] from the sub-display switch buttons.

The analysis simulation settings are displayed in the sub-display.

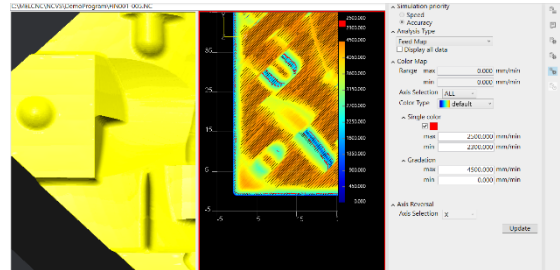


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- (7) Select [Feed Map] in Analysis Type, and click [Update].

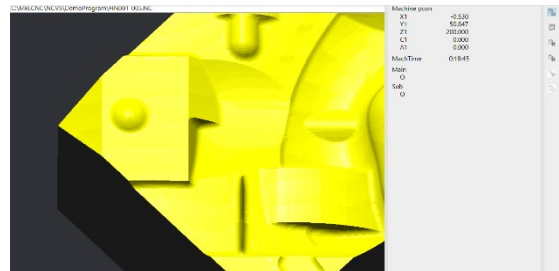
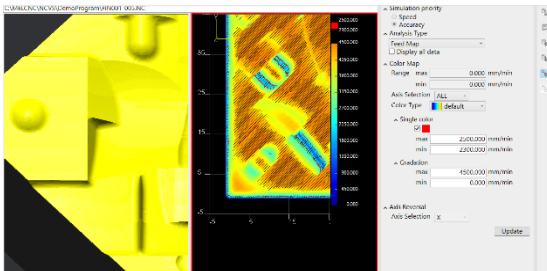
After the progress window appears, the analysis is completed. The feedrate map is displayed in the simulation area (right).



- (8) Click the [Side-by-side] command.

The highlight of the [Side-by-side] command is removed. The workpiece shape displayed in the simulation area (left) is displayed in one screen.

The sub-display switch button [Analysis simulation settings] is disabled to be selected. If Analysis simulation settings is displayed in the sub-display, it is switched to Display processing status.



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6.3.14 Save/restore the point of view

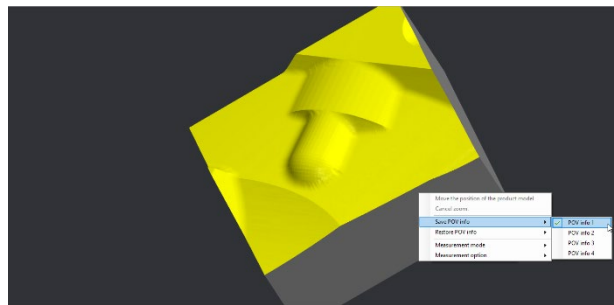
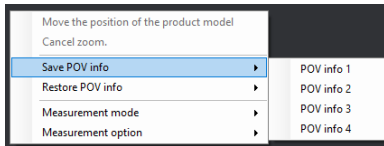
You can save the point-of-view information such as point of view and zoomed state at a check point of the machining shape, and easily restore the point of view at that time. Up to four points of point-of-view information can be saved.

| Point-of-view information that can be saved/restored |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point of view, zoomed/moved/rotated state • Light source state (specular light ON/OFF, light source position) • Pinpoint zoomed state |

■ Save the point-of-view-information

- (1) Adjust the point of view of the shape. Select any of [POV info 1] to [POV info 4] of [Save POV info] in the right-click menu on the 3D graphics area.
Example) Select [POV info 1].

➔ The point-of-view information is saved in the selected [POV info 1].

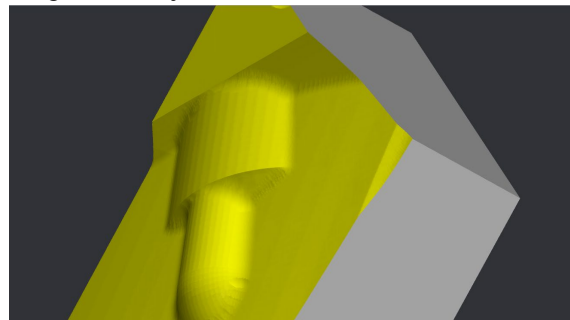


(*) When a point-of-view information is already saved in [POV info], a check mark is displayed at the left of the menu.

(*) When [POV info] with a check mark is selected, the point of view is overwritten.

- (2) To check another part of the shape, move, zoom and adjust the point of view.

The workpiece shape in the simulation area is displayed according to the adjustment.



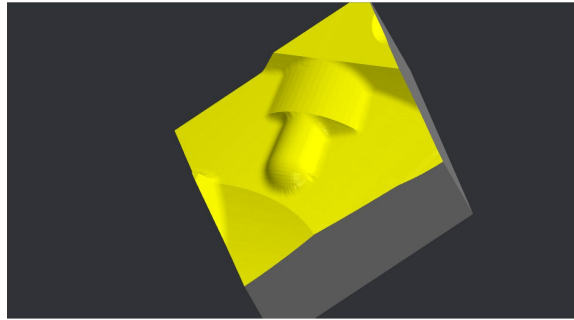
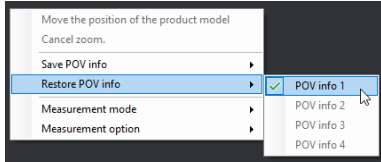
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■ Restore the saved point-of-view information

- (1) Select any of [POV info 1] to [POV info 4] of [Restore POV info] in the right-click menu on the 3D graphics area.
Example) Select [POV info 1].

➔ The workpiece shape returns to be displayed with the saved point of view.

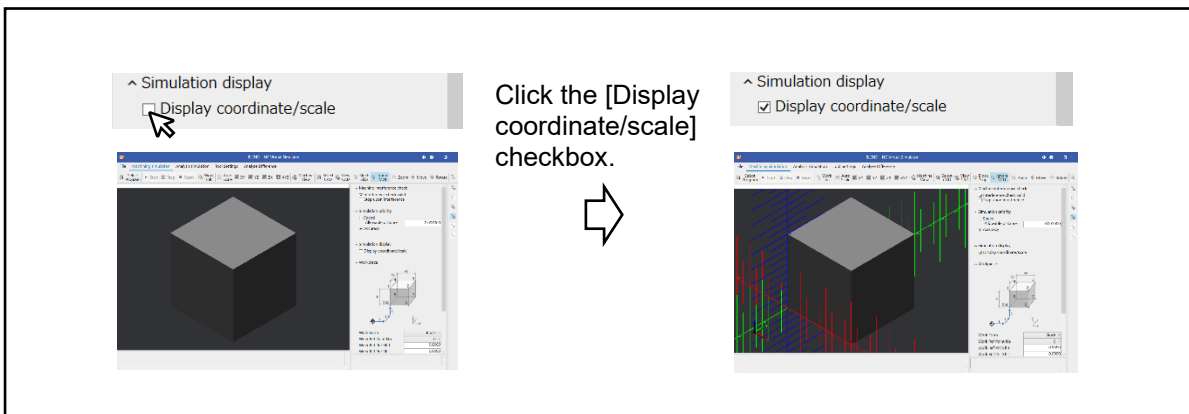


- (*) It takes time to restore the information during pinpoint zoom.
- (*) The [Restore POV info] menu cannot be selected while simulation is running. (Grayed out)
- (*) [POV info] where no information is saved cannot be selected.

6.3.15 Show or hide scale

Show or hide the scale.

- (1) Click the icon of the sub-display switch button to open [Machining simulation settings].
- (2) The direction of the coordinate system and the scale bars for the view range are displayed by checking the [Display coordinate/scale] checkbox.



- (*) If you click the [Display coordinate/scale] checkbox again, the checkbox is cleared, and the directions of the coordinate system and the scale in the graphics area are hidden.
- (Note) The directions of the coordinate system and the scale are not displayed right after NC Virtual Simulator is restarted.

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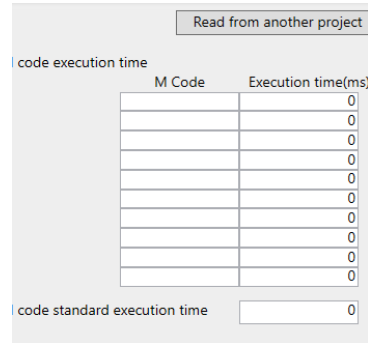
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6.3.16 Read machining time prediction setting from another project

You can read the machining time prediction setting from another project and set it in the current project.

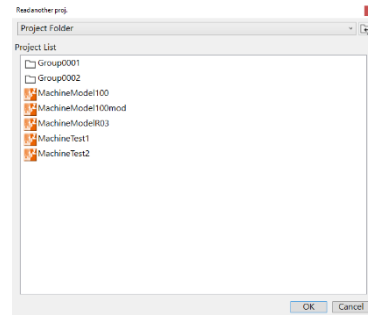
(1) Click [Machining time prediction setting] from the sub-display switch buttons.

The machining time prediction setting is displayed in the sub-display.



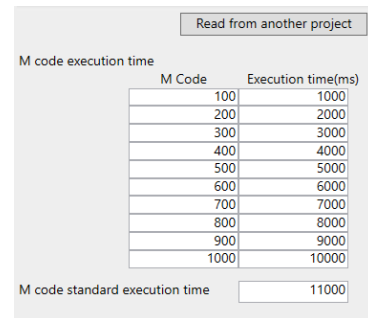
(2) Click the [Read from another project].

The "Read from another project" dialog appears.

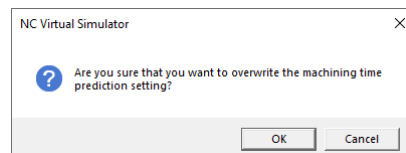


(3) Select a project and click the [OK] button.

The value of another project is set.



When the machining time prediction setting is already set, the confirmation dialog appears.



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6.4 Caution

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- (1) The simulation function uses only the result of the internal operation of the NC. It is not possible to simulate commands that require the movement of the machine.
- (2) If an M02 or M30 command is issued while simulation is running, the processing status of the program is canceled; however, the simulation continues until the workpiece cutting is completed.
- (3) Even when you zoom, move or rotate the graphic, or switch the simulation mode during simulation, the shape of the workpiece is not initialized, nor is the program stopped.
- (4) When a tool change command is issued, if the following data for the tool corresponding to the T number is not within the range, the tool is displayed based on the default values.

The default values of the tool data are as follows.

| Drill | | Ball endmill | | Flat endmill | |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Length | 150 (mm) | Length | 150 (mm) | Length | 150 (mm) |
| Diameter | 20 (mm) | Diameter | 20 (mm) | Diameter | 20 (mm) |
| Nose angle | 118 (°) | Cut. edge L | 50 (mm) | Cut. edge L | 50 (mm) |
| Cut. edge L | 50 (mm) | Holder H | 50 (mm) | Holder H | 50 (mm) |
| Holder H | 50 (mm) | Holder D | 30 (mm) | Holder D | 30 (mm) |
| Holder D | 30 (mm) | GangTool ofs Y | 0 (mm) | GangTool ofs Y | 0 (mm) |
| GangTool ofs Y | 0 (mm) | | | | |

| Radius endmill | | Chamfer | | Face mill | |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Length | 150 (mm) | Length | 150 (mm) | Length | 150 (mm) |
| Diameter | 20 (mm) | Diameter | 20 (mm) | Diameter | 20 (mm) |
| Corner R | 1 (mm) | Tip dia. | 5 (mm) | Cutter L | 50 (mm) |
| Cut. edge L | 50 (mm) | Cut. edge L | 50 (mm) | Shank D | 10 (mm) |
| Holder H | 50 (mm) | Holder H | 50 (mm) | Holder H | 50 (mm) |
| Holder D | 30 (mm) | Holder D | 30 (mm) | Holder D | 15 (mm) |
| GangTool ofs Y | 0 (mm) | GangTool ofs Y | 0 (mm) | GangTool ofs Y | 0 (mm) |

- (5) When a tool change command is issued, if the tool cannot be displayed because of inconsistency in tool data, only the holder is displayed. The tool data described in "6.2.1 Registering tool data" is used.
- (6) If "Cut. edge L" is "0" or greater than "Length", the tool is displayed treating "Cut. edge L" to be equal to "Length".
- (7) If "Cut. edge L" plus "Holder H" is greater than "Length", "Holder H" is treated as 0 (mm).
- (8) While simulation is running, the current program in the processing status sub-display (ONB display) displays the content of the program in automatic operation.
Because what is displayed in the current program in the processing status sub-display is the content of the program with which the workpiece is being cut, the update of buffer display may delay.
- (9) Among the common variables, only #100 to #199 and #400 to #999 can be set and displayed in NC Data List. It is also not possible to display or set variable names for #500 to #599.
- (10) When tool compensation type III is selected (#1037=3/#1046=1), tool offsets are not displayed.
- (11) If you attempt to set data in NC Data List while simulation is running (excluding pause in step operation), the message "Simulation is running." appears, and you cannot set data.
- (12) It is not possible to select the product CAD model and switch whether the product CAD model is superimposed while simulation is running.

Perform those operations after the simulation is completed or reset.

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- (13) Robot command (G198) is not supported. When G198 is issued, simulation remains stopped at the block. To end the simulation, click the [Reset] command.
- (14) If memory usage exceeds the allowable value while simulation is running for a long time, the message "Simulation stopped because the memory usage reached the upper limit." appears and the simulation stops.
To run long time simulation, see "12 Troubleshooting".
- (15) The simulation state may not be updated in the following case: the analysis simulation screen is opened during machining simulation, the simulation is reset, and the machining simulation screen is opened again while the simulation is running. In this case, reset and start the simulation.
- (16) When the side-by-side display is performed for the second and subsequent times after the project is opened, the last set analysis type is displayed on the right side of the window. However, when the side-by-side display is performed during simulation while [Posit. Diff Map] and [Feed Diff Map] are set to the right side of the window, the position is displayed on the right side of the window.
- (17) When simulation graphic is performed by the [Redraw] button in the Machining simulation settings, the machine interference check is disabled, and the redraw is performed by using the current workpiece setting and tool setting data. Therefore, when information of workpiece and tool is changed, execute the simulation again.
- (18) When simulation graphic is performed by the [Redraw] button in the Machining simulation settings, the redraw is performed by using the priority mode of simulation selected during the simulation. However, when the priority mode of simulation is set to Speed and simulation is run, the redraw is performed by using the current value as the allowable distance.
- (19) The machining time prediction setting is not applied to the machining time of simulation graphic by the [Redraw] button in the Machining simulation settings.
- (20) A machining program cannot be selected through the network. Select a machining program on the local disk.
- (21) When the pinpoint zoom is performed for the workpiece shape saved while the pinpoint zoom is disabled, the workpiece shape in the selected range is initialized and displayed. Click the [Redraw] button in the Machining simulation settings to perform the pinpoint zoom after simulation graphic is performed.

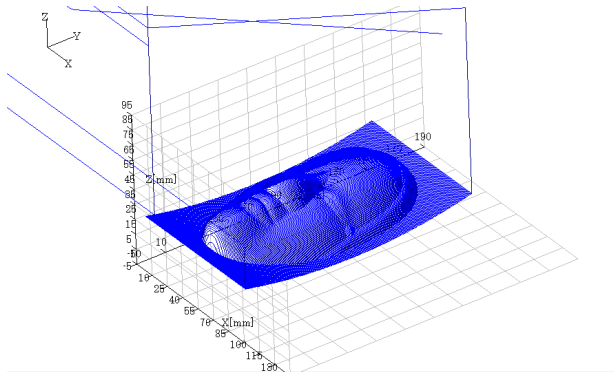
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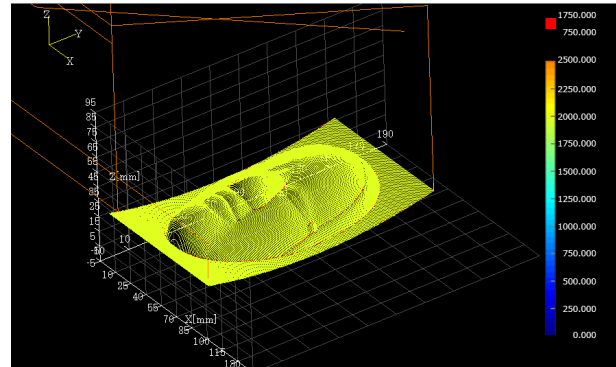
Analysis simulation can be used to identify possible portions of machining faults and causes of machining errors.

The following is types of analysis simulation display.

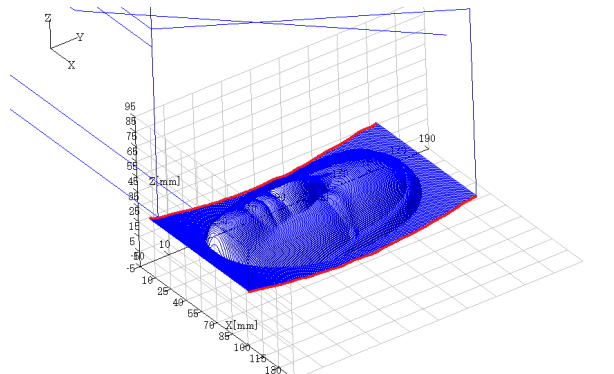
- (1) Line segment path display: Display line segments of position data.
- (2) Color map display: Visualize the change in feedrate and acceleration rate with colors.
- (3) Plot point highlighting: Highlight a specific position such as axis reversal with plot points.



(1) Line segment path display



(2) Color map display



(3) Plot point highlighting

The relationship between "Analysis Type" of the Analysis simulation settings sub-display and the display type.

| Display type | Analysis type |
|---------------------------|---|
| Line segment path display | Position |
| Color map display | Feed Map Acceleration Map Posit. Diff Map Feed Diff Map CAD model error |
| Plot point highlighting | Axis Reversal |

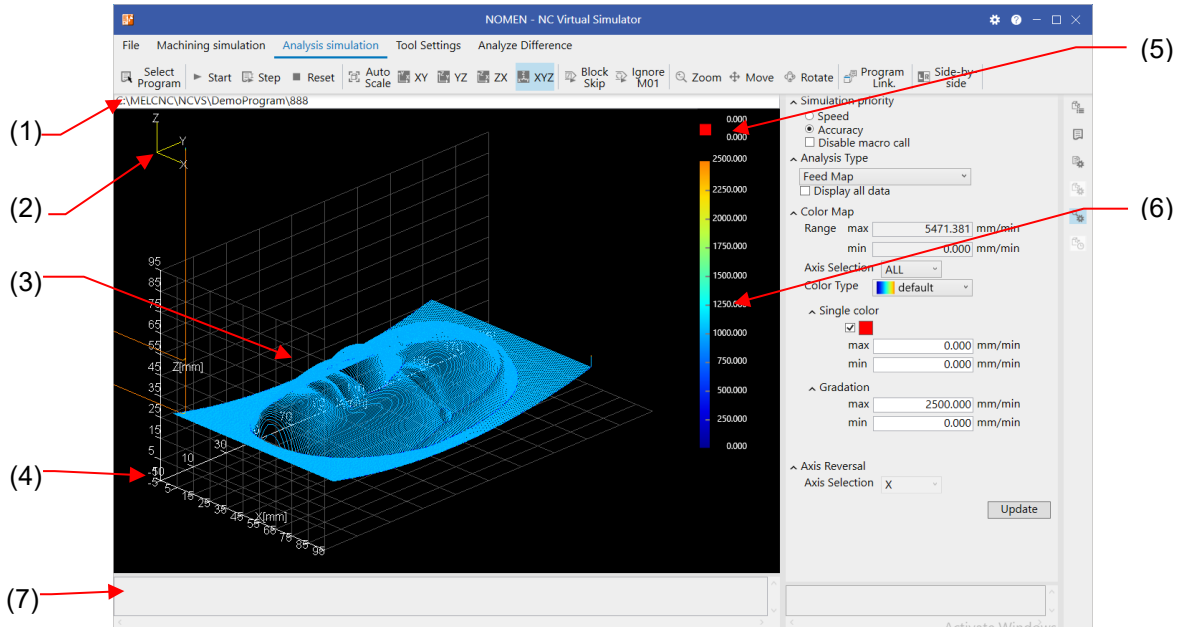
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7.1 Analysis simulation window

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7.1.1 Screen configuration and display items

In the analysis simulation window, you can view the analysis display of the currently selected machining program.

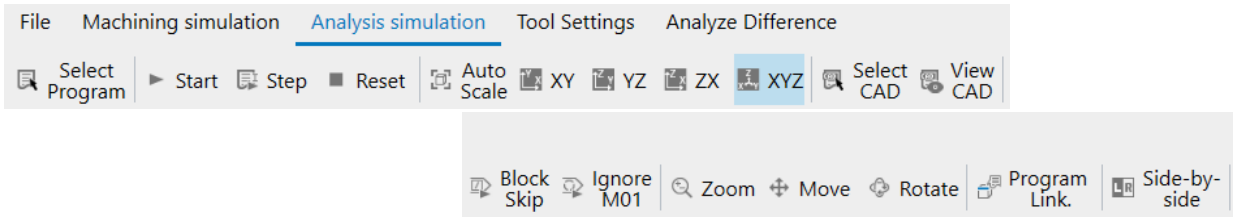


| Item | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| (1) Program path | Displays the file path of the selected machining program. |
| (2) Coordinate axes | Displays the coordinate axes X, Y, Z in the upper-left corner of the graphics area. |
| (3) Graphics area | Displays the machining shape based on the position data obtained from the simulation of the selected machining program. You can zoom, rotate, and move the machining shape. |
| (4) Scale | The scales for base axes I, J and K are displayed around the machining shape. The tick marks for each axis divide the workpiece width and extra value into 10 segments. |
| (5) Single color display | This item is displayed when color map display is selected as the analysis type. The single color set in the "Analysis simulation settings" sub-display is displayed. |
| (6) Gradation bar display | This item is displayed when color map display is selected as the analysis type. The relationship between display color and value is displayed in the range between the maximum and minimum values set in the "Analysis simulation settings" sub-display with a gradation bar. |
| (7) Message area | Displays the status during simulation and errors that occurred. |

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7.1.2 Analysis simulation commands



The following lists the commands that can be used in analysis simulation.

| | Command | Description | Reference |
|----|-----------------|--|---|
| 1 | Select Program | Select a program. Choose a program to simulate from the file selection dialog that pops up. | 6.3.3 Select a program |
| 2 | Start | Start simulation. This command is highlighted while simulation is running. If you click this command when it is highlighted, simulation is paused at the end point of the current block. | 6.3.4 Start simulation |
| 3 | Step | Run the program block by block. | 6.3.4 Start simulation |
| 4 | Reset | Stop the ongoing simulation. | 6.3.5 Stop simulation |
| 5 | Auto Scale | Zoom the workpiece so that the size is about 90% of the graphics area. | - |
| 6 | XY | Change the plane where the machining shape is displayed or change the display to 3D. The scale in the plane selected before switch is retained. | 6.3.6 Change the point of view on workpiece |
| 7 | YZ | | |
| 8 | ZX | | |
| 9 | XYZ | | |
| 10 | Select CAD | When a product CAD model is selected from the file selection dialog, the product CAD model is displayed on the workpiece reference point. Files in STEP format (*.stp or *.step) can be selected. This command cannot be selected while simulation is running. | - |
| 11 | View CAD | Toggles between showing and hiding the product CAD model. This command cannot be selected while simulation is running. | - |
| 12 | Block Skip (*1) | Select whether to execute blocks containing "/" (slash) in the program to be simulated. When optional block skip is ON, this command is highlighted. ON: Simulation is run by skipping blocks with "/". OFF: Simulation is run including blocks with "/". | - |
| 13 | Ignore M01 (*1) | Specify whether to stop the program when an M01 command is issued. When the Ignore M01 is ON, this command is highlighted. ON: Simulation is not stopped even when an M01 command is issued. OFF: Simulation is stopped when an M01 command is issued. | - |

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| | Command | Description | Reference |
|----|--------------------|---|---|
| 14 | Zoom (*1)(*2) | Zoom the displayed machining shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With this command highlighted, press the [↑][↓] keys on the keyboard, or left-click and drag up and down in the 3D graphics area, to zoom in and out of the displayed machining shape. If you rotate the mouse wheel with the mouse pointer in the 3D graphics area, the displayed machining shape is zoomed in or out regardless of whether this command is highlighted. | 6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size |
| 15 | Move (*1)(*2) | Move the displayed machining shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With this command highlighted, press the [↑][↓][←][→] keys on the keyboard, or left-click and drag in the 3D graphics area, to move the displayed machining shape. | |
| 16 | Rotate (*1)(*2) | Rotate the displayed machining shape. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With this command highlighted, press the [↑][↓][←][→] keys on the keyboard, or left-click and drag in the 3D graphics area, to rotate the displayed machining shape. If you right-click and drag in the 3D graphics area, the displayed machining shape is rotated regardless of whether this command is highlighted. | |
| 17 | Program Link. | Show which block in the machining program corresponds to the line segments selected in the displayed machining shape and vice versa. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you click a line segment in the machining shape, the line segment is highlighted in red, and the corresponding block in the machining program in the sub-display is highlighted. While Program Link is enabled, you can zoom, move or rotate the workpiece. | 7.3.1 Enable program link |
| 18 | Side-by-side | Divide the simulation display area to display the displayed machining shape and a machining shape in a different analysis type side by side. When two screens are displayed, this command is highlighted. When this command is clicked again, only the machining shape displayed in the left side is displayed, and the highlight of this command is removed. | 7.3.2 Display machining shape side by side |

(*1) The highlight indicates that the command is enabled. Every time the command is clicked, it is switched between highlighted and released (enabled and disabled).

(*2) The [Zoom], [Move] and [Rotate] commands cannot be enabled at the same time. When one of them is enabled, the highlight of the other command is removed.

(Note 1) While simulation is running or paused, the [Select Program] command is not selectable.

(Note 2) If no machining program is selected, the [Start], [Step] and [Reset] commands are not selectable.

(Note 3) All commands are highlighted when you left-click the command when it is not highlighted.

(Note 4) When the [XY], [YZ] or [ZX] command is selected, the [Rotate] command is not selectable.

(Note 5) When [Posit. Diff Map], [Feed Diff Map] or [CAD model error] is selected in "Analysis Type", the [Start], [Step] and [Reset] commands are not selectable.

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7.2 Preparation

7.2 Preparation

To perform analysis simulation, first set the data of the tool and workpiece to be used in simulation.

For detailed information about the preparation, see "6.2 Preparation".

(*) The data of the tool and workpiece is common to "6 Machining simulation". When it is already set in Machining simulation, it does not need to be set in Analysis simulation.

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Click [Analysis simulation] in the function menu.

- (*) Simulation is run based on the simulation priority and analysis type that were selected in the "Analysis simulation settings" sub-display before simulation is started.

The following describes how to run analysis simulation.

- (1) Select "Analysis Type".

The following are the analysis types that can be selected.

- Position
- Feed Map
- Acceleration Map
- Axis reversal
- Post. Diff Map (*)
- Feed Diff Map (*)
- CAD model error (*)

- (*) When they are selected after the simulation and [Update] is clicked, analysis is performed and the result is displayed. (The [Start], [Step] and [Reset] commands cannot be selected.)

- (2) How to run analysis simulation and how to adjust workpiece display position are the same as those in machining simulation.

See the following chapters.

"6.3.3 Select a program"

"6.3.4 Start simulation"

"6.3.5 Stop simulation"

"6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size"

- (3) To continue analysis after "Analysis Type" is changed, run simulation by following the steps in the chapters below.

- When [Position] is selected
"7.3.3 Turn to line segment path (position)"
- When [Axis reversal] is selected
"7.3.6 Turn to plot point highlighting (axis reversal)"
- When [Feed Map], [Acceleration Map], [Post. Diff Map], [Feed Diff Map] or [CAD model error] is selected
"7.3.4 Turn to color map display"

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- (4) For the other functions useful for analysis, see the following chapters.
- Find a machining program block corresponding to the line segment in the machining shape.
"7.3.1 Enable program link"

 - Compare simulation results in different analysis types.
"7.3.2 Display machining shape side by side"

 - Compare simulation results with CAD model.
"7.3.5 Display CAD model error"

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7.3.1 Enable program link

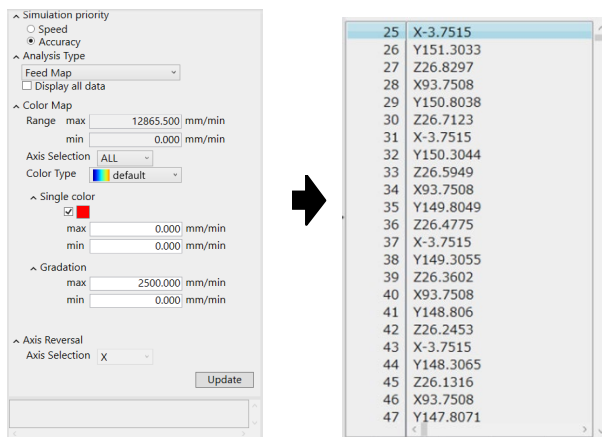
If you click a line segment in the machining shape, the line segment is highlighted in red, and the corresponding block in the machining program is highlighted.

Conversely, if you select a block in the machining program, the line segments in the machining shape corresponding to the block is highlighted.

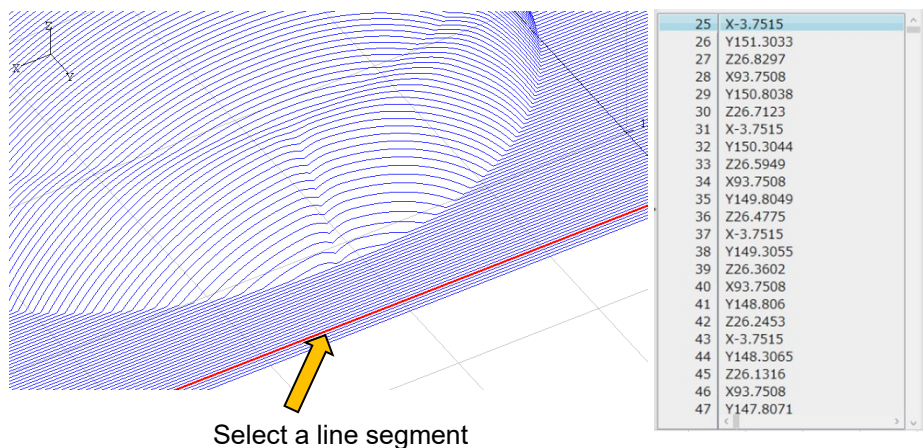
■ Select a line segment in the machining shape

- (1) Select the [Program Link.] command. → The [Program Link.] command is highlighted. The sub switch button [Display program] is selected, and the machining program appears in the sub-display.

If Analysis simulation settings is displayed in the sub-display, it is automatically switched to the machining program.



- (2) Select a line segment in the machining shape. → The line segment you selected is highlighted, and the corresponding block in the machining program is highlighted. The line segment for one block in the machining program is highlighted.



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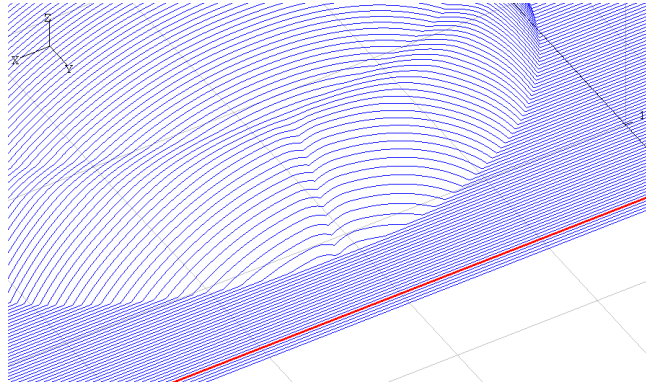
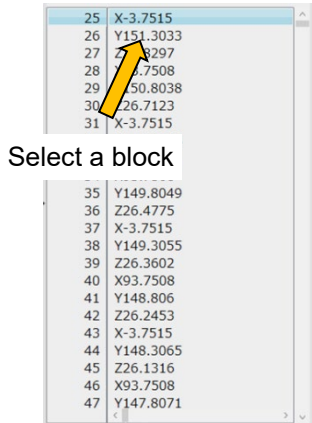
- (*) Even if you switch the sub-display to a display other than Machining simulation settings during Program link, Program link remains enabled.
- (*) When the selected line segment in the machining shape corresponds to a block in the main program, the main program is displayed in the program display sub-display. When the selected line segment in the machining shape corresponds to a block in the subprogram, the subprogram is displayed. You cannot switch between the main program and subprogram through operation in the program display sub-display.
- (*) Scrolling using the vertical scroll bar or by the cursor movement is only available within the displayed program.
- (*) In a micro segment program, due to block superimposition control of NC, etc., the commanded block may not correspond to the highlighted segment and the segment may be divided to correspond to the previous and later blocks.

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■ Select a block in the machining program

- (1) Select the [Program Link.] command. ➔ The [Program Link.] command is highlighted.
The sub switch button Display program is selected, and the machining program appears in the sub-display.
- (2) Select a block in the machining program. ➔ The line segments in the machining shape that correspond to the selected block are all highlighted.



(*) If the block you selected in Program Link. is executed repeatedly by means of GOTO, etc., the line segments corresponding to the block executed first are highlighted.

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7.3.2 Display machining shape side by side

The displayed machining shape and a machining shape in a different analysis type are displayed side by side.

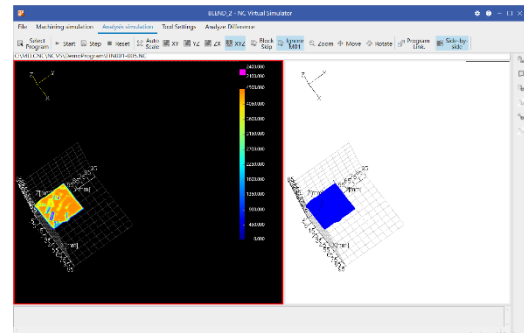
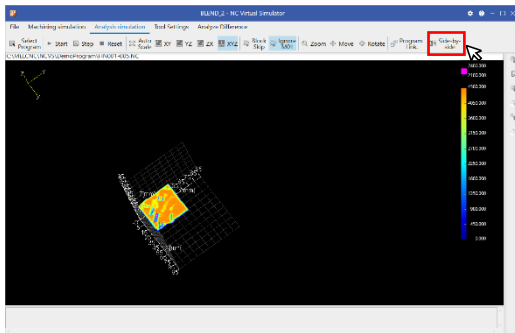
- (1) Click the [Side-by-side] command.

The [Side-by-side] command is highlighted. The simulation display area is divided into two screens, and when the side-by-side display is performed for the first time after the application is started, the following shapes are displayed.

Simulation area (left): the displayed machining shape
 Simulation area (right): the displayed machining shape is displayed by "Position". (*1)

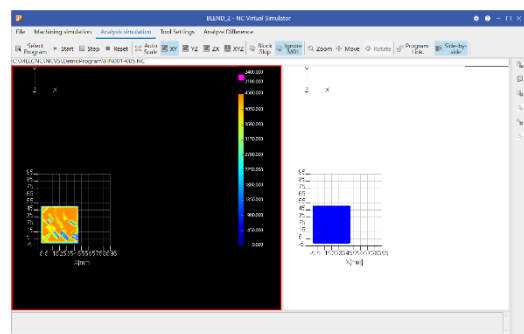
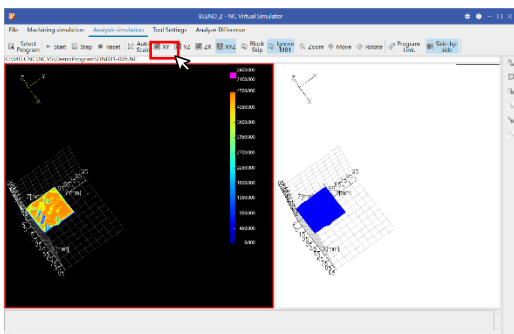
The simulation area (left) is selected and enclosed in a red frame.

(*2) When "Position" is displayed in the simulation area (left), the feed map is displayed in the simulation area (right).



- (2) Click the [XY], [YZ], [ZX] or [XYZ] command according to the view direction.
 Example: [XY] command

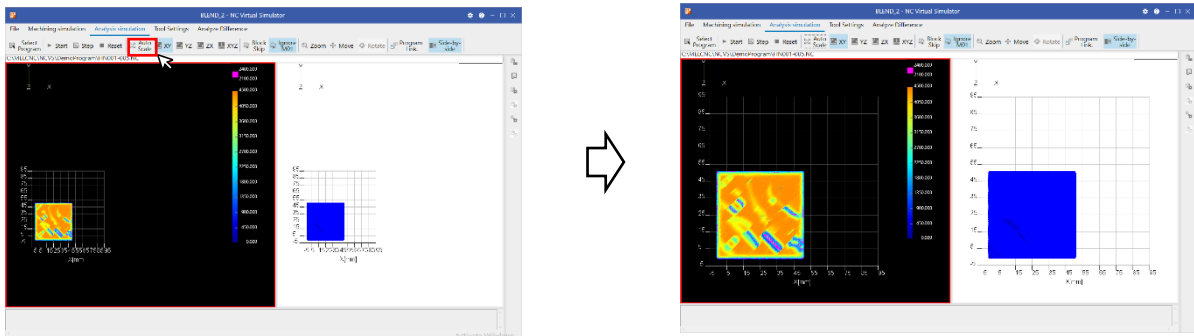
The machining shapes are displayed from the view of the clicked command on both screens.



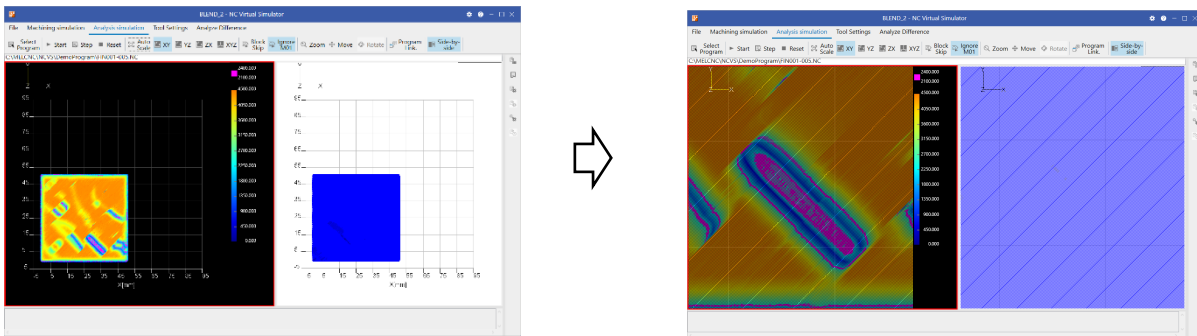
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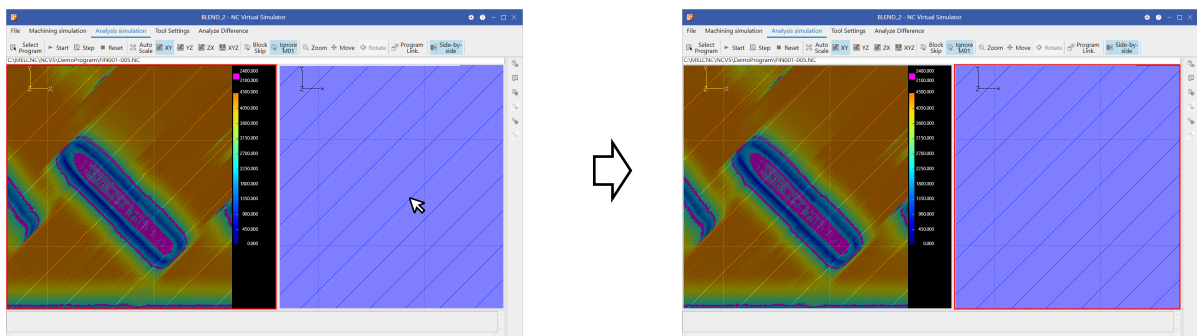
- (3) Click the [Auto Scale] command. → Zoom both screens so that the scale is about 90% of the graphics area.



- (4) Adjust the machining shape view with the [Zoom], [Move] and [Rotate] commands. → The machining shapes are displayed according to the command operation on both screens. For information about how to adjust the view, see "6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size".



- (5) Left-click the simulation area (right), or press the [Tab] key. → The simulation area (right) is selected, and enclosed in a red frame.

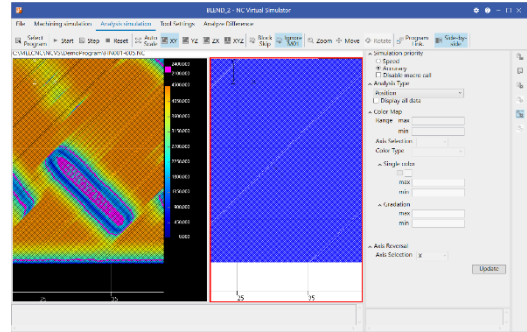
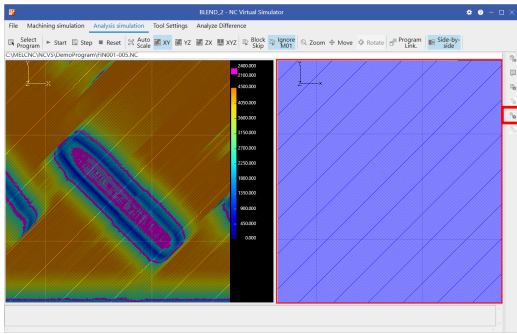


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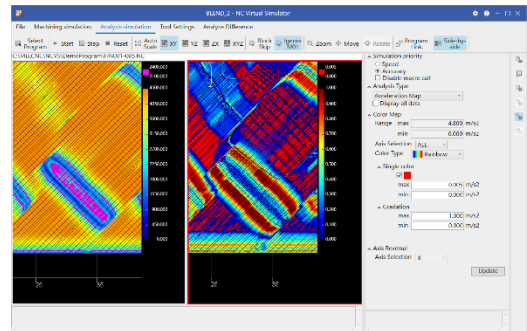
(6) Select [Analysis simulation settings] from the sub-display switch buttons.

The analysis simulation settings are displayed in the sub-display. For each item, the setting values of analysis type displayed in the simulation area (right) are displayed. For each item of the Analysis simulation settings sub-display, the setting values of the selected simulation area (enclosed in a red frame) are displayed.



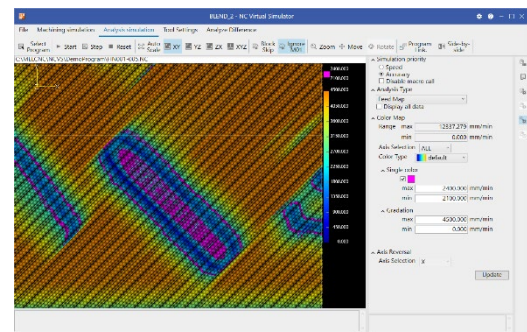
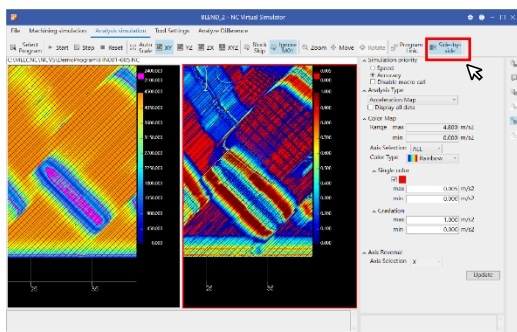
(7) Select [Acceleration Map] in [Analysis Type], and click [Update].

After the progress window appears, the analysis is completed. The acceleration map is displayed in the simulation area (right).



(8) Click the [Side-by-side] command.

The highlight of the [Side-by-side] command is removed. The machining shape displayed in the simulation area (left) is displayed in one screen. When the Analysis simulation settings is displayed in the sub-display, the setting contents of the analysis type displayed in the simulation area (left) are displayed.



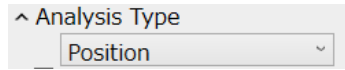
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7.3.3 Turn to line segment path (position)

When [Position] is selected for "Analysis Type", the display turns to the line segment path display.

- (1) Select [Position]. → [Position] is displayed under Analysis Type.



The values of min and max for Color Map are displayed as blank and nonconfigurable.

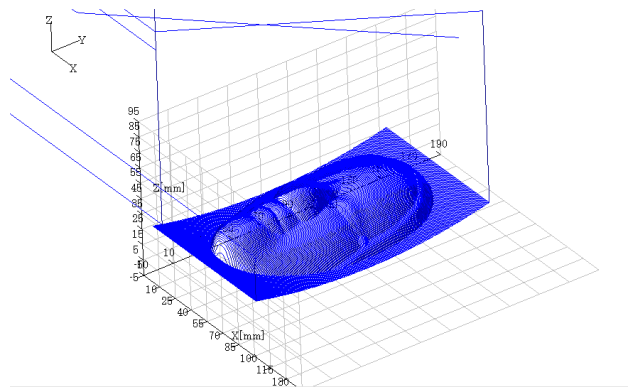
- (2) Click [Update]. → The progress window appears during the process.

When the process is completed, the machining shape is displayed with blue lines.

The scales of X, Y, and Z axes are displayed around the machining shape.

The tick marks of the scale for each axis divide the range between the largest and smallest values of the workpiece into ten segments.

Single color and gradation bar are not displayed.



■ Change the point of view

You can change the point of view of the line segment path display.

To change the point of view, use the [XYZ], [XY], [YZ], and [ZX] commands.

For details, see "6.3.6 Change the point of view on workpiece".

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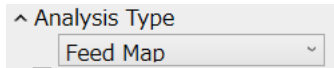
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7.3.4 Turn to color map display

When [Feed Map], [Acceleration Map], [Post. Diff Map], [Feed Diff Map] or [CAD model error] is selected, the machining shape can be displayed with the analyzed value in a color map.

(1) Select an analysis type from [Analysis Type].

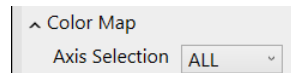
The selected type is displayed in [Analysis Type]. This is an example when [Feed Map] is selected.



For the min and max of the range for [Color map], the maximum and minimum values of each analysis result are displayed. For the min and max of [Single color] and [Gradation], the values last input are displayed. When displayed for the first time, min and max are blank. [Axis selection] under [Axis reversal] is not selectable.

(2) Set an analysis axis in [Axis Selection].

The selected axis is displayed in [Axis Selection]. This is an example when [ALL] is selected. When [ALL] is selected, the feed map of composition speed is displayed.

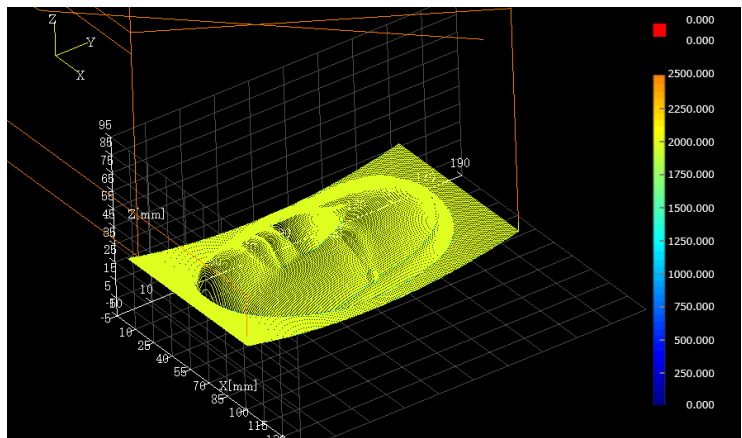


(3) Click [Update].

The progress window appears during the process. When the process is completed, the machining shape is displayed in a color map.

The color maps (Single color and Gradation bar) are displayed on the right side of the machining shape.

Gradation is displayed with tick marks that divide the range between the largest and smallest values into ten segments. In the gradation bar, the minimum value is displayed in blue, and the maximum value in orange.



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■ Change the color and range for Single color

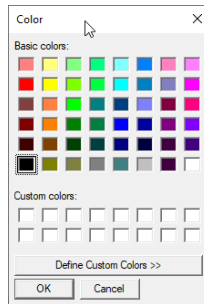
The path where the analysis type data is in the specified range can be displayed in single color.

(1) Check the checkbox for "Single color".

(2) To change the color, click the color box of "Single color".



The Color dialog appears.



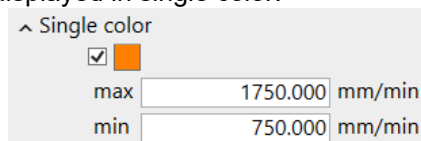
(3) Choose a color in the "Color" dialog, and click the [OK] button.

"Single color" is displayed in the color you selected.



(4) Set the range (maximum and minimum values) of the analysis data to be displayed in single color.

The path where the analysis data is in the specified range is displayed in single color.

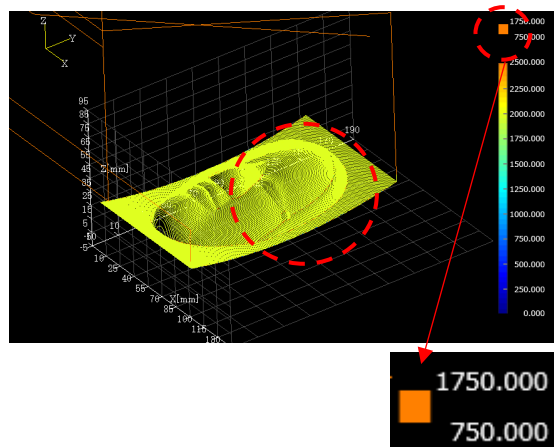


The following values cannot be set: values that are out of the range between the minimum and maximum values of the color map, and values that the minimum value is greater than the maximum value.

(5) Click [Update].

The progress window appears during the process. When the process is completed, the portion where the analysis data is in the specified range is displayed in single color.

If range overlaps with the range for Gradation, it is displayed in single color.



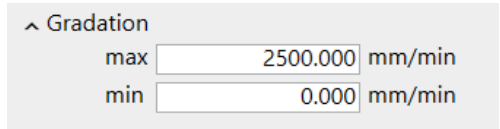
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■ Change the range for Gradation

- (1) Set the range (maximum and minimum values) of the analysis data to be displayed in gradation.

The gradation bar is displayed within the range between the min and max values you set.

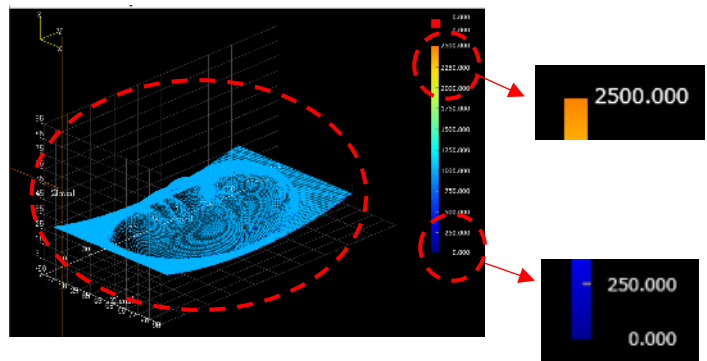


The following values cannot be set: values that are out of the range between the minimum and maximum values of the color map, and values that the minimum value is greater than the maximum value.

- (2) Click [Update].

The progress window appears during the process. When the process is completed, the machining shape is displayed in gradation.

The portion where the value is smaller than the minimum value is indicated in blue; the portion where the value is greater than the maximum value is indicated in orange.



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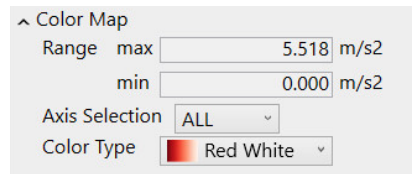
■ Change the color map type

You can change the gradation color of the color map by [Color Type].

| Name | min | Image | max | Description |
|-----------|-----|-------|-----|---|
| default | | | | Color map to be displayed in gradation of blue, green, yellow and orange |
| Rainbow | | | | Color map to be displayed in gradation of blue, green, yellow, orange and red |
| Blue Red | | | | Color map to be displayed in gradation of blue, white and red |
| Red White | | | | Color map to be displayed in gradation of red and white |

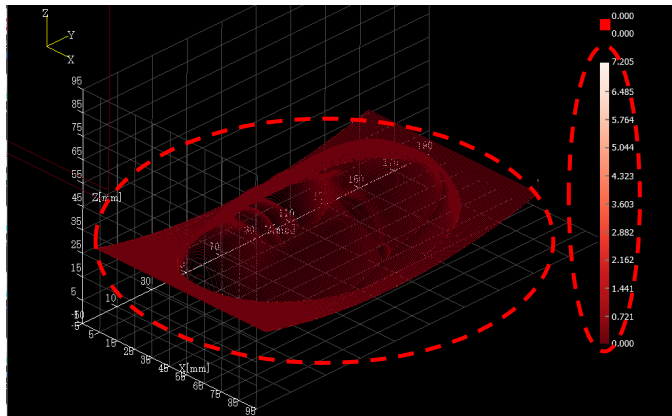
(1) Change the color map type.

→ The selected item is displayed in "Color Type".



(2) Click [Update].

→ The progress window appears during the process. When the process is completed, the machining shape is displayed in the colors of the color map type. The gradation bar is displayed with the selected color map type.



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7.3.5 Display CAD model error

When [Analysis Type] is [CAD model error], the difference (error amount) between the product CAD model surface and the tool path is displayed in a color map. This allows you to find a portion to be excessively shaved or incompletely shaved with respect to the product CAD model.

■ Target tools for error amount calculation

Target tools for error amount calculation are ball endmill and radius endmill.

The machining path drawn by another tool is treated in the same way as a path where the tool does not contact with the product CAD model surface. Analysis is performed by referring to tool type, diameter, etc. of the tool set on the Tool Settings window.

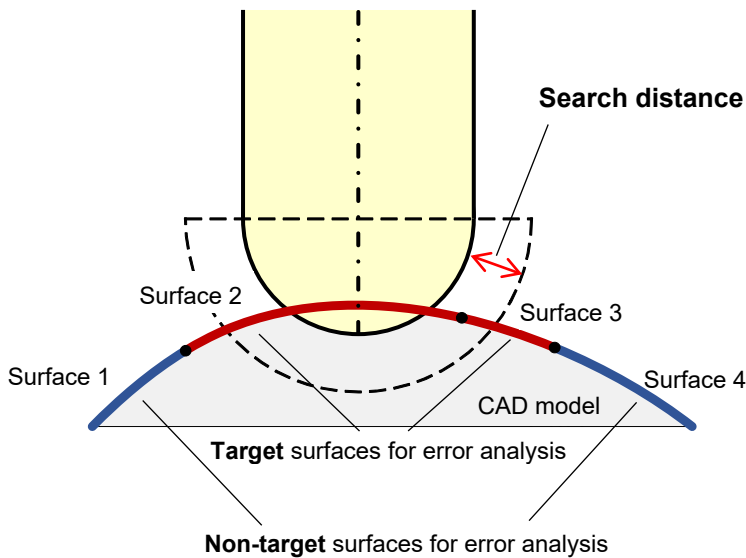
■ Calculation method of error amount

Set a 0.01 mm search distance to the cutting edge of a tool and search for target product CAD model surface for error amount calculation.

In the following figure, the surface 2 interfering with the tool and the surface 3 included in the search distance are target surfaces for error amount calculation.

The surface 1 and the surface 4 outside the search distance are non-target surfaces for error amount calculation.

When there are two or more target surfaces for error amount calculation, the minimum error amount is used among the error amounts calculated for each surface.

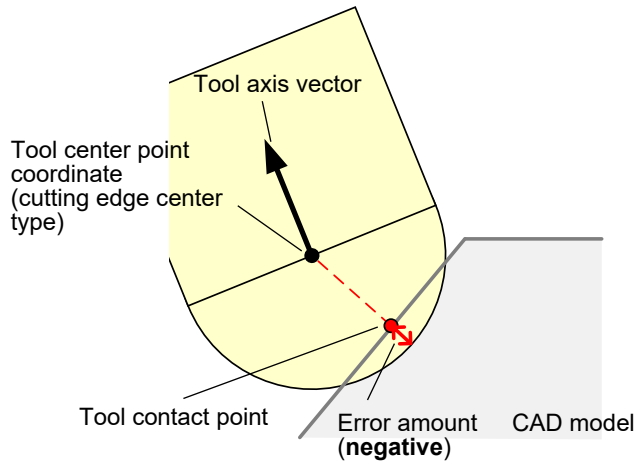


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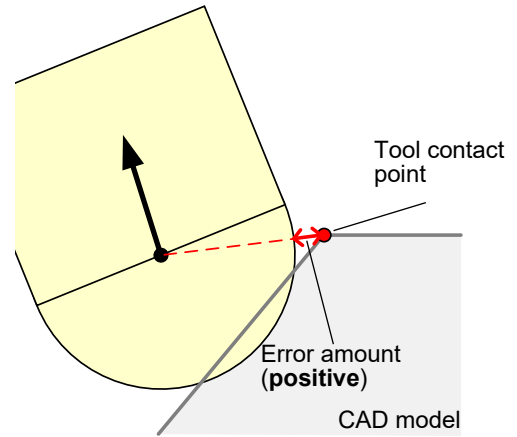
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The surface 2 and the surface 3 are as shown in the following figures, and the distances in three-axis directions are calculated as error amounts.

The calculation result of the surface 2 is a negative value (excessively shaved) and that of the surface 3 is a positive value (incompletely shaved).

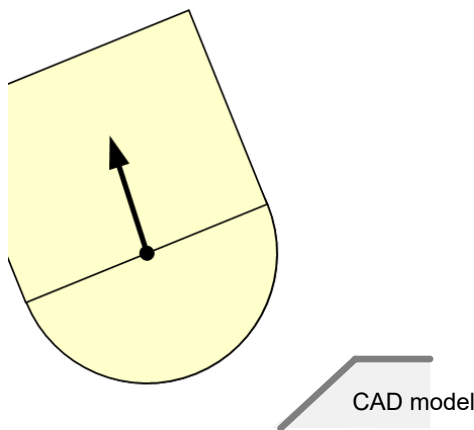


Error amount calculation image of surface 2



Error amount calculation image of surface 3

The surface 1 and the surface 4 are as shown in the following figure, and the error amount is not calculated. This indicates that the tool does not contact with the product CAD model on the machining path.



Error amount calculation image of surface 1 and 4

■ Types of product CAD model display

The read product CAD model display can be switched between curved surface display and wire frame display. For details, see [Curved surface display] of the [Analysis simulation settings] sub-display.

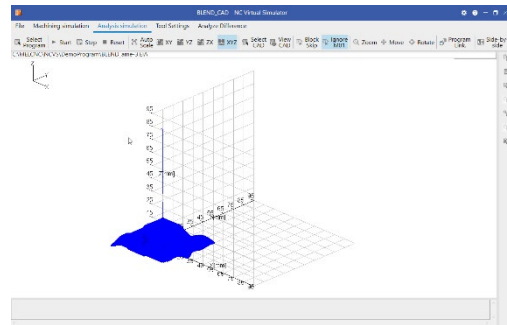
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■ Display CAD mode error

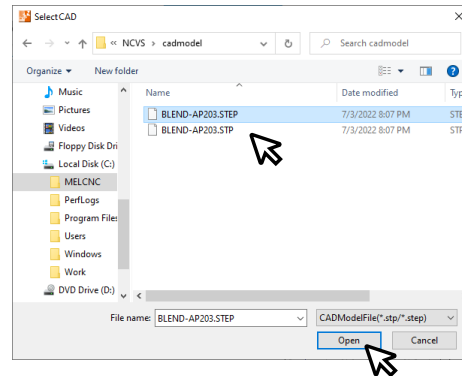
- (1) Select a machining program and execute simulation.

The machining path is drawn.



- (2) Click the [Select CAD] command.

The file selection dialog appears.



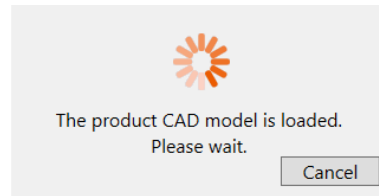
- (*) When the product CAD model file is already selected in machining simulation, the already selected product CAD model file is displayed by clicking the [View CAD] command. However, only product CAD model in STEP files can be displayed. When a product CAD model in a file other than STEP file is read, an error message appears.
- (*) The selected product CAD model file is displayed by clicking the [View CAD] command in machining simulation or on the difference analysis window.

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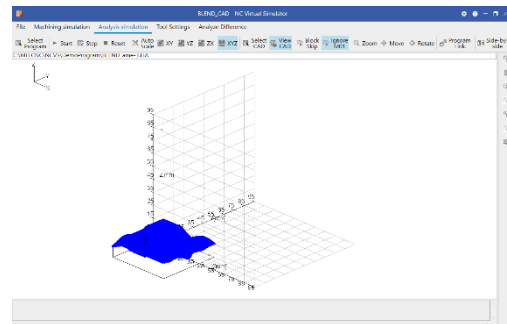
- (3) Select a product CAD model file to be displayed in the simulation area, and click [Open].

The progress window appears and reading starts. The reading time depends on the CAD model size. To stop the reading before it completes, click the [Cancel] button.



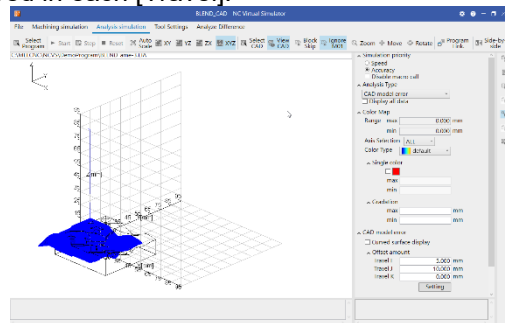
(Note) If the reading is failed, the error message "CAD model import failed." appears.

When the reading is completed, the selected product CAD model is displayed at the workpiece reference point position, and the [View CAD] command is highlighted.



- (4) Enter values in [Travel] of [CAD model error] – [Offset amount] in the [Analysis simulation] sub-display, and click [Setting].

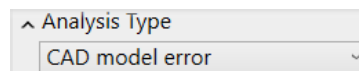
The displayed product CAD model moves by the values entered in each [Travel].



(*) When another product CAD model is selected, the values in each [Travel] of [Offset amount] are initialized to "0".

- (5) Select [CAD model error] for [Analysis Type].

[CAD model error] is displayed under Analysis Type.



For the min and max of [Range] for [Color map], a blank is displayed. The min and max of [Single color] are displayed as blank and nonconfigurable. (Grayed out) For the min and max of [Gradation], the values last input are displayed. When displayed for the first time, min and max are blank. [Axis Selection] under [Axis Reversal] is not selectable. (Grayed out)

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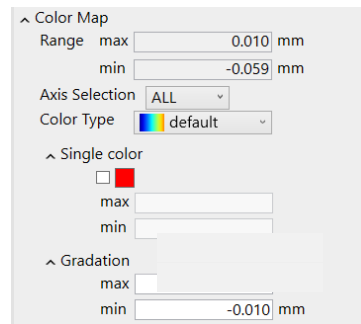
(6) Click [Update].

After the progress window appears, the analysis is completed.
The progress rate (%) is displayed on the progress window.
For the min and max of [Range] for [Color map], the minimum and maximum values of the analysis result are displayed.

(*) When a product CAD model is not selected or a product CAD model file in STL format is selected, a message appears in the sub-message display area, and analysis process is not executed.

(7) Set each item for [Color Map].

Set the color of the machining path to be displayed when the analysis is completed.

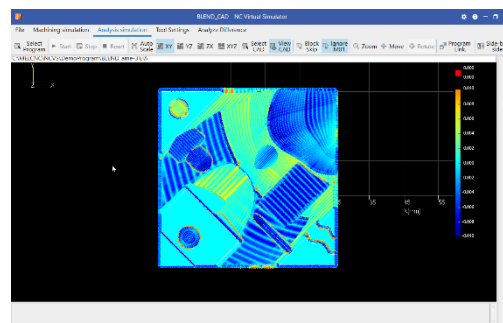


(*) If an out-of-range value is set in min or max for [Color Map], or if the min value is greater than the max value, the message "This value cannot be set." appears, and originally set value is restored.

(*) The machining path where the tool does not contact with the product CAD model surface is displayed in the color specified in [Single color] when [Single color] is checked, and in the same color as max of [Gradation] when [Single color] is not checked.

(8) Click [Update].

After the progress window appears, the analysis is completed.
The progress rate (%) is displayed on the progress window.
The machining path is displayed in gradation set in [Color Map].



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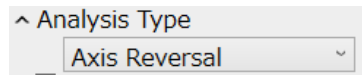
7.3.6 Turn to plot point highlighting (axis reversal)

When [Axis Reversal] is selected for "Analysis Type", the points of the axis reversal portion are highlighted in red.

■ Display axis reversal

(1) Select [Axis Reversal].

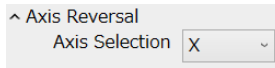
[Axis Reversal] is displayed for [Analysis Type].



The values of min and max for Color Map are displayed as blank and nonconfigurable.

(2) Select the axis to check the axis reversal in [Axis Selection].

The selected axis is displayed for [Axis Selection].

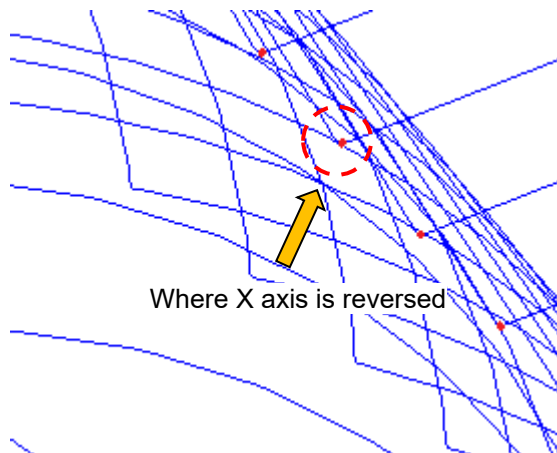


(3) Click [Update].

The progress window appears during the process.

When the process is completed, the machining path is displayed, and the positions where the selected axis is reversed are indicated with red dots.

Single color and gradation bar are not displayed.



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7.4 Caution

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- (1) If an M02 or M30 command is issued while simulation is running, the processing status of the program is canceled; however, the simulation continues until the analysis is completed.
- (2) In VMware environment, if you maximize NC Virtual Simulator while simulation is running, and then minimize and expand it again, the display of the graphics area may go blank. In this case, the graphic is displayed correctly by changing the window size, switching the display of the sub-screen, switching the function menu, or performing other operations.
- (3) In [Posit. Diff Map] and [Feed Diff Map], the adjacent point is searched for among only adjacent points on the XY plane.
- (4) When the screen is changed to another screen while [Posit. Diff Map] or [Feed Diff Map] is selected and the screen is returned to the analysis simulation screen, the display is the same as the previous time or a blank is displayed according to the state of the simulation. To update the view, click the [Update] button.

When the screen is changed to another screen while [CAD model error] is selected and the screen is returned to the analysis simulation screen, the display is the same as the previous time or a blank is displayed according to the state of the simulation, whether or not the product CAD model file is selected again, whether or not the tool setting data is edited, and whether or not the display position of the product CAD model is changed (the workpiece reference point is moved, the offset amount is changed). To update the view, click the [Update] button.

- (5) When the side-by-side display is performed for the second and subsequent times after the project is opened, the last set analysis type is displayed on the right side of the window. However, when the side-by-side display is performed during simulation while [Posit. Diff Map] and [Feed Diff Map] are set to the right side of the window, the position is displayed on the right side of the window (the feed map is displayed when the position is selected on the left side of the window).
- (6) When a machining program path created by [Speed] is analyzed by [CAD model error], errors of incompletely shaved edges of recesses and projections are not displayed. It is recommended to create a machining program by [Accuracy].
- (7) When the tool type, diameter, etc. are changed on the Tool Settings window after a machining program path is created, if CAD model error analysis is performed, the analysis result is different from the one at creation of machining program path.
- (8) When the screen is changed to another screen while the product CAD model is displayed and the screen is returned to the analysis simulation screen, the product CAD model is hidden. The product CAD model can be displayed again by clicking the [View CAD] command.

8. Tool settings

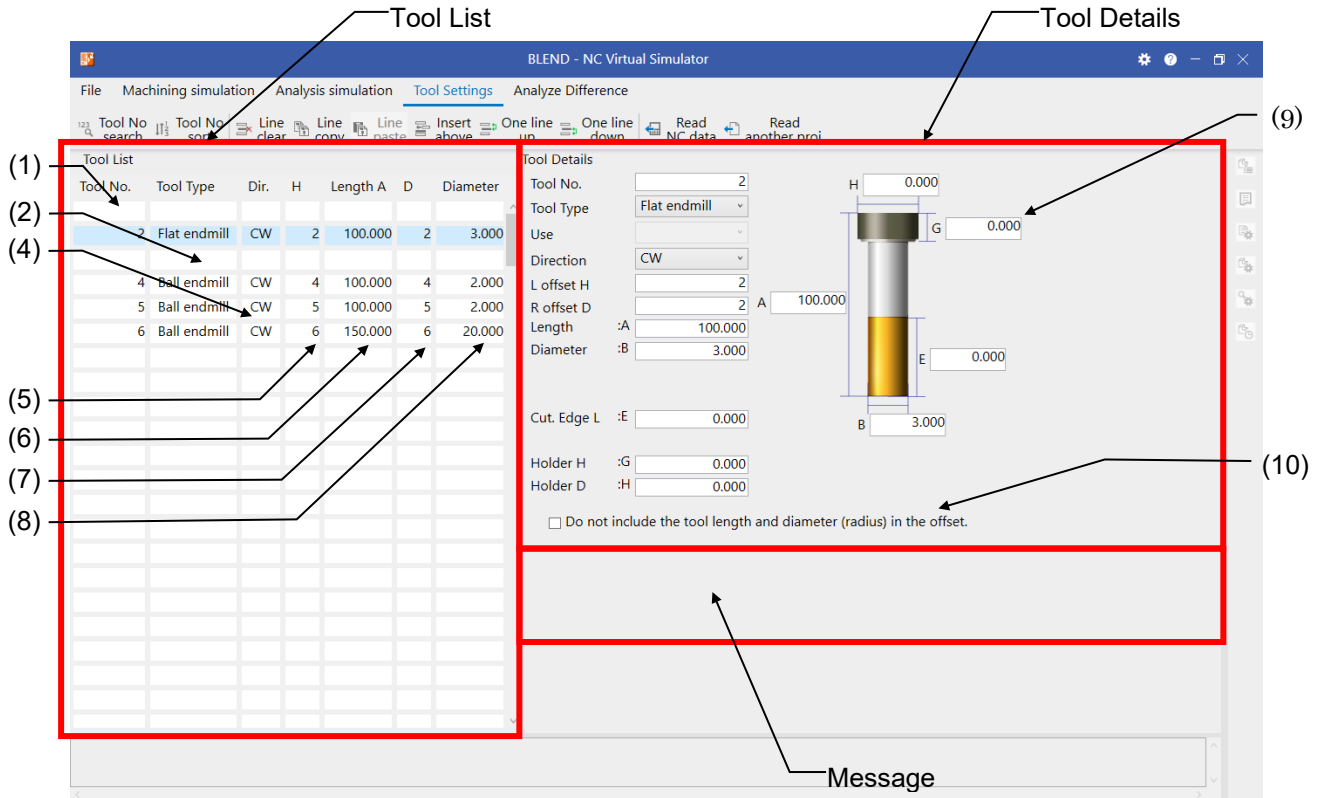
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In the Tool Settings window, you set the tool data used in machining simulation and analysis simulation.

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The Tool Settings window consists of Tool List, Tool Details, and message.



"Tool List" provides a list of overview information about the tools.

In "Tool Details", you can set the details of the tool you selected in "Tool List". The line selected in Tool List is highlighted.

The following describes each item displayed in "Tool List" and "Tool Details" with the range of values.

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| Item | Description | Range of values | Tool List | Tool Details |
|-------------------|---|--|-----------|--------------|
| (1) Tool No. | Set the tool number. Data with up to eight digits can be entered. | 1 to 99999999 | ✓ | ✓ |
| (2) Tool Type | Set the type of the tool. | Ball endmill Flat endmill Drill Radius endmill Chamfer Tap Tap - UN No. Tap - UN Frac Tap - Pipe Rc Tap - Pipe G Tap - Pipe Rp Face mill Boring Back boring | ✓ | ✓ |
| (3) Use | Not used. | - | - | ✓ |
| (4) Dir: Hand/Rev | Set the hand of tool or the spindle rotation direction. Which item is to be set depends on the type of the tool. • Set as the spindle rotation direction for the following tools: Mill tool, lathing drill and lathing tap • Set as the hand of tool for the following tools: Turning tool | (Spindle rotation tool) CW CCW | ✓ | ✓ |
| (5) L offset H | Set the tool length offset number. | Depends on the number of tool offset sets. | ✓ | ✓ |
| (6) Length A | Displays the value specified in Length A. | - | ✓ | - |
| (7) R offset D | Set the tool radius offset number. (Note) This item is not settable for compensation type I. | Depends on the number of tool offset sets. | ✓ | ✓ |
| (8) Diameter | Displays the value specified in Diameter B. | - | ✓ | - |
| (9) A | Set the tool dimension, etc. according to the guide figure. The display items depend on (2) Tool Type. (*1) | The maximum value depends on the value of #8010. 0 to 9999.999 (mm) 0 to 999.9999 (inch) | - | ✓ |
| B | | | - | ✓ |
| C | | Length: 0 to 9999.999 (mm) | - | ✓ |
| D | | 0 to 999.9999 (inch) | - | ✓ |
| E | | Length: 0 to 9999.999 (mm) | - | ✓ |
| F | | 0 to 999.9999 (inch) | - | ✓ |
| G | | Angle: 0 to 180.000(°) | - | ✓ |
| H | | | | - |

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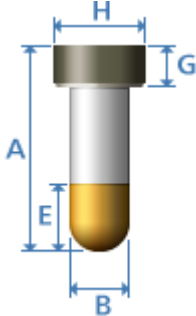
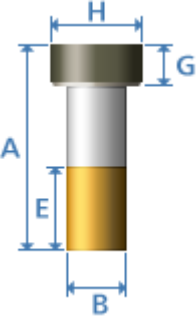
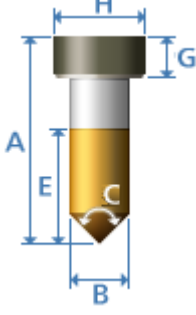
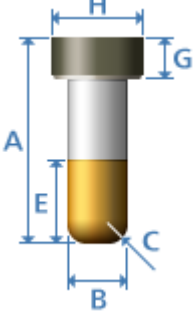
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| Item | Description | Range of values | Tool List | Tool Details |
|--|--|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| (10) Do not include the tool length and diameter (radius) in the offset. | When this checkbox is checked, the tool length and tool diameter (radius) are not included in offsets. | ON/OFF | - | ✓ |

✓ : Displayed, - : Not displayed

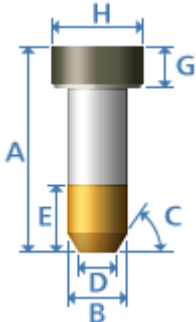
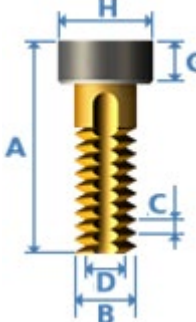
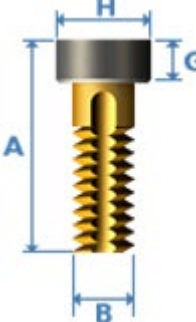

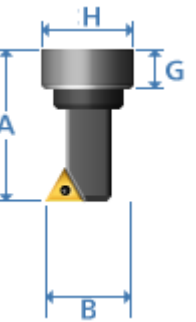
(*1) Which item is to be input varies depending on the type of the tool.

The following summarizes the tool types and items to be input.

| Tool type | Image | Items to be input |
|----------------|---|---|
| Ball endmill |  | A: Length B: Diameter G: Holder H H: Holder D E: Cut. Edge L |
| Flat endmill |  | A: Length B: Diameter G: Holder H H: Holder D E: Cut. Edge L |
| Drill |  | A: Length B: Diameter C: Nose angle G: Holder H H: Holder D E: Cut. Edge L |
| Radius endmill |  | A: Length B: Diameter C: Corner R G: Holder H H: Holder D E: Cut. Edge L |

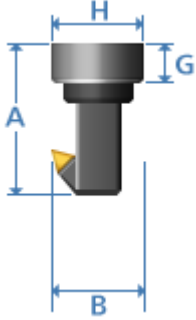
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| Tool type | Image | Items to be input |
|---|---|---|
| Chamfer |  <p>The diagram shows a chamfer tool with a cylindrical holder of diameter H and length G. The tool has a cutting edge of length E and a tip diameter of D. The chamfered tip has a diameter of B and a tip angle of C. The total length of the tool is A.</p> | <p>A: Length B: Diameter C: Tip angle D: Tip dia. G: Holder H H: Holder D E: Cut. Edge L</p> |
| Tap |  <p>The diagram shows a tap tool with a cylindrical holder of diameter H and length G. The tap has a diameter of B and a root diameter of D. The pitch of the threads is C. The total length of the tool is A.</p> | <p>A: Length B: Diameter C: Pitch D: Root dia. G: Holder H H: Holder D</p> |
| Tap > UN No. Tap > UN Frac Tap > Pipe Rc Tap > Pipe G Tap > Pipe Rp |  <p>The diagram shows a tap tool with a cylindrical holder of diameter H and length G. The tap has a diameter of B. The total length of the tool is A.</p> | <p>A: Length B: Diameter G: Holder H H: Holder D</p> |
| Face mill |  <p>The diagram shows a face mill tool with a cylindrical holder of diameter H and length G. The tool has a diameter of B and a shank diameter of D. The cutter length is C and the cutting edge length is E. The total length of the tool is A.</p> | <p>A: Length B: Diameter C: Cutter L D: Shank dia. G: Holder H H: Holder D E: Cut. Edge L</p> |
| Boring |  <p>The diagram shows a boring tool with a cylindrical holder of diameter H and length G. The tool has a diameter of B. The total length of the tool is A.</p> | <p>A: Length B: Diameter G: Holder H H: Holder D</p> |

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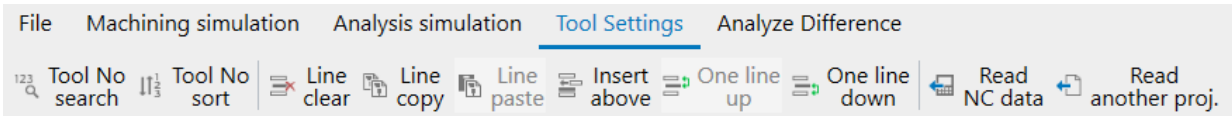
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| Tool type | Image | Items to be input |
|-------------|---|---|
| Back boring |  | <p>A: Length B: Diameter G: Holder H H: Holder D</p> |

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8.2 Tool settings commands

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The following lists the commands that can be used in the Tool Settings window.

| | Command | Description | Reference |
|----|--------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Tool No search | Search for a tool number and display the matched tool data in the top line. | 8.3.2 Search tool data |
| 2 | Tool No sort | Sort the tool numbers in ascending or descending order. | 8.3.3 Sort tool numbers |
| 3 | Line clear | Delete the tool data in selected lines. | 8.3.4 Delete, insert or move lines of tool data |
| 4 | Line copy | Copy the tool data in a selected line to the memory area. | |
| 5 | Line paste | Paste the tool data that was copied in the memory area. | |
| 6 | Insert above | Insert tool data above a selected line. | 8.3.4 Delete, insert or move lines of tool data |
| 7 | One line up | Move the tool data in a selected line up by one line. | |
| 8 | One line down | Move the tool data in a selected line down by one line. | |
| 9 | Read NC data | Read the tool management data in the all-backup data to the tool data of NC Virtual Simulator. | 8.3.6 Read NC tool management data |
| 10 | Read another proj. | Import the tool data saved in another project. | 8.3.7 Import tool data of another project |

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Click [Tool Settings] in the function menu.

8.3.1 Set tool data

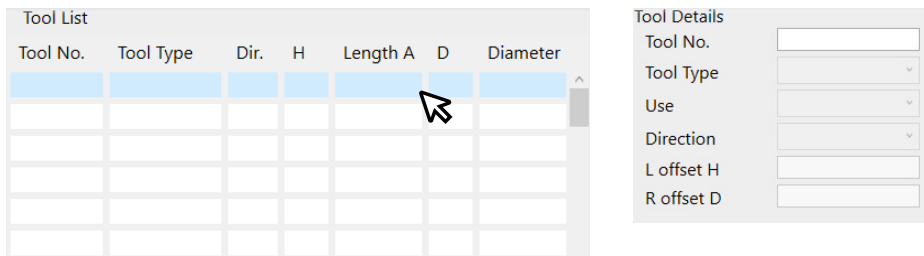
Set the tool data after verifying the relationship between the tool numbers and offset numbers specified in the machining program to be simulated.

The following describes how to register new tool data.

The figures show an example where "Tool Type: Drill" is added to Tool No. 10.

- (1) Click a blank line in "Tool List".

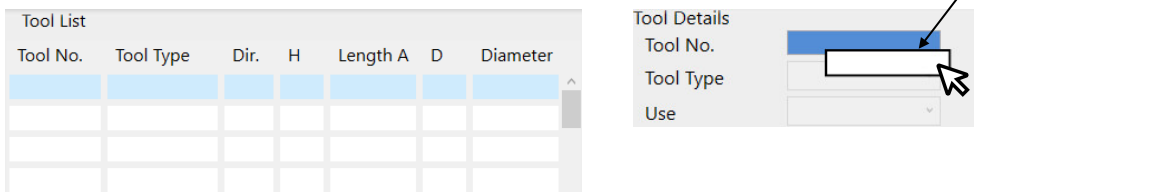
The details of the line (tool number) you clicked are displayed in "Tool Details".



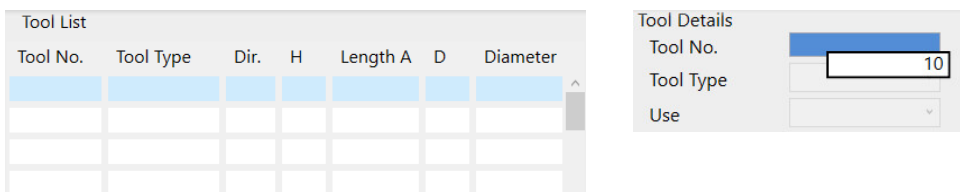
- (2) Click any field in "Tool Details".

The field you clicked is highlighted and an input dialog appears.

If you press [Enter] or [Tab] (+ [Shift]) without clicking a field, an input dialog appears at the "Tool No." field. You can also navigate between the fields by pressing the [↓][↑] keys.



- (3) Enter a tool number in the field, and press the [Enter] key.

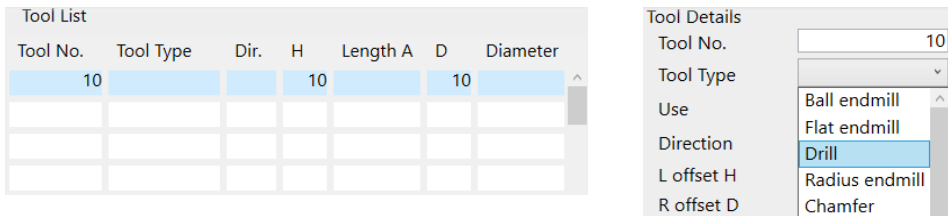


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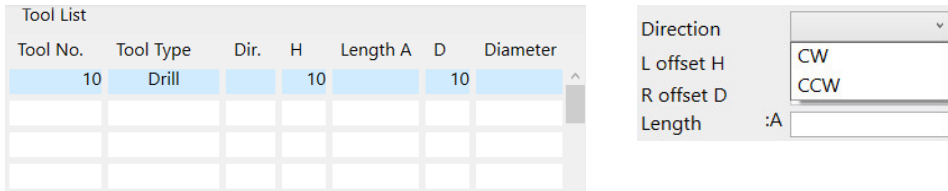
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- (4) When the tool number is set, the next item is highlighted and an input dialog appears.
 - (*) If an out-of-range value is entered, "Tool Number is out of range." appears in the message area, and the value is not changed.
 - (*) If you press [Esc], the value in the field you clicked is not updated.
 - (*) The same value as the tool number is also set in L offset "H" and R offset "D".
 - (*) If the tool number entered is not within the range of tool offset numbers, the tool number is not set in L offset "H" and R offset "D". The message "L offset "H" or R offset "D" is missing." appears. Enter a tool offset number.
 - (*) If a value is set in any one of the following: L offset "H", R offset "D", Length "A", Diameter "B", the length offset value and radius offset value for that offset number (H, D) are updated.
 - (*) If a duplicate tool number is entered, the message "Tool Number is duplicate." appears.

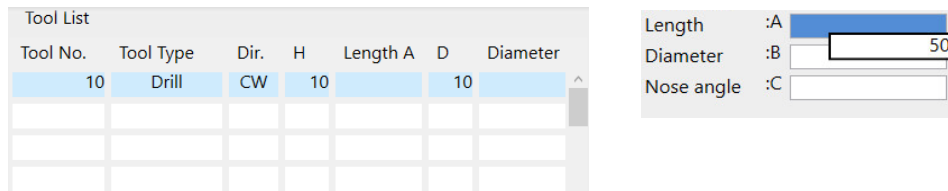
- (5) Click the "Tool Type" field, and select a tool type.



- (6) Click the "Direction field", and select a tool rotation direction. Select [CW] for a tool to be used in the spindle forward rotation (clockwise), and [CCW] for a tool to be used in the spindle reverse rotation (counterclockwise).



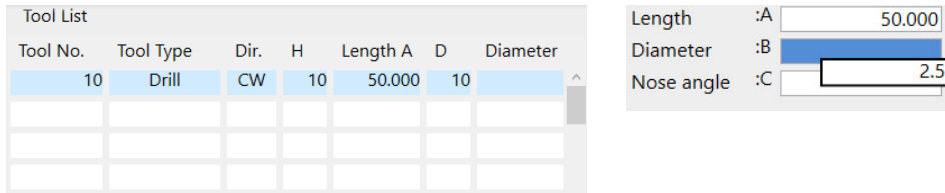
- (7) Set an offset number to be used for tool length offset in the "L offset H" field. Set an offset number to be used for tool diameter offset in the "R offset D" field. The same value as the tool number is set in both fields by default. Change the setting value to use a different number from the tool number.
- (8) Click the "Length: A" field and enter a tool length ("A" dimension in the guide figure). The value set in "Length: A" is set in the offset amount for the "L offset H" number. The value is also set for "Length A" in "Tool List".



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- (9) Click the "Diameter: B" field, and enter a tool diameter ("B" dimension in the guide figure). A half value (radius value) of the entered value is set in the offset amount for the "R offset D" number. The value is also set in "Diameter" in "Tool List".

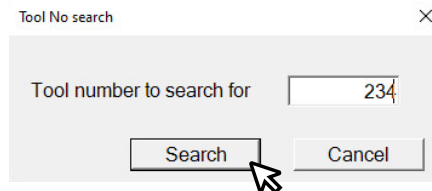


If you click the next line in "Tool List" or press [Tab] (+ [Shift]), the input dialog in "Tool Details" is hidden.

8.3.2 Search tool data

You can enter a tool number to search for and view the tool data. The following describes how to search tool data.

- (1) Click the [Tool Settings] tab > [Tool No search] command.
 - (*) You can also invoke Tool No search using the shortcut key [Ctrl] + [F].
- (2) The Tool No search dialog appears. Enter a tool number to search for and click [Search]. You can only input number keys (0 to 9) in the Tool No search dialog.



If you click [Search] without entering a tool number, the error message "Tool Number is missing." appears. Be sure to set a tool number before clicking [Search].

- (3) The tool number you searched for is displayed in the first line of Tool List.

| Tool No. | Tool Type | Dir. | H | Length A | D | Diameter |
|----------|-----------|------|----|----------|----|----------|
| 234 | Drill | CW | 10 | 100.000 | 10 | 3.000 |
| 235 | Drill | CW | 10 | 50.000 | 10 | 2.500 |
| | | | | | | |

If there is no matching tool number, the error message "Tool number not found." appears.

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8.3.3 Sort tool numbers

You can change the order of tool data according to the tool number. (This operation is called "sort".)
 The following describes how to sort the tool numbers.

- (1) Click the [Tool Settings] tab > [Tool No sort] command.

| Tool No. | Tool Type | Dir. | H | Length A | D | Diameter |
|----------|-----------|------|----|----------|----|----------|
| 20 | Drill | CW | 20 | 100.000 | 20 | 30.000 |
| 10 | Drill | CW | 10 | 100.000 | 10 | 30.000 |
| 30 | Drill | CW | 30 | 100.000 | 30 | 30.000 |
| 1 | Drill | CW | 1 | 100.000 | 1 | 30.000 |
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- (2) The tool numbers are sorted in ascending order.
 After sort, all blank lines are moved to the bottom.

| Tool No. | Tool Type | Dir. | H | Length A | D | Diameter |
|----------|-----------|------|----|----------|----|----------|
| 1 | Drill | CW | 1 | 100.000 | 1 | 30.000 |
| 10 | Drill | CW | 10 | 100.000 | 10 | 30.000 |
| 20 | Drill | CW | 20 | 100.000 | 20 | 30.000 |
| 30 | Drill | CW | 30 | 100.000 | 30 | 30.000 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

- (3) If you click the [Tool No sort] command again, the tool numbers are sorted in descending order.

| Tool No. | Tool Type | Dir. | H | Length A | D | Diameter |
|----------|-----------|------|----|----------|----|----------|
| 30 | Drill | CW | 30 | 100.000 | 30 | 30.000 |
| 20 | Drill | CW | 20 | 100.000 | 20 | 30.000 |
| 10 | Drill | CW | 10 | 100.000 | 10 | 30.000 |
| 1 | Drill | CW | 1 | 100.000 | 1 | 30.000 |
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| | | | | | | |

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- (4) After that, each time you click the [Tool No sort] command, the tool numbers are sorted alternately: ascending > descending > ascending.

Note that if you click the [Tool No sort] command after the following operations, the tool numbers are sorted in ascending order.

- Switch to a function window such as machining simulation or analysis simulation.
- Move the cursor to Tool Details.
- Edit Tool List (delete, insert, move).
- Read tool management data or import tool data.
- Open another project.

8.3.4 Delete, insert or move lines of tool data

The following describes how to delete, insert, or move tool data.

- (1) Click to select the target line in the Tool List, and click the following command in the [Tool Settings] tab.
- Delete a line: [Line clear] command (*1)
- Insert a line: [Insert above] command (*2)
- Move a line: [One line up] or [One line down] command

- (*1) Two or more lines can be selected to delete at a time.
- To select consecutive lines, click the top line and then click the bottom line while holding the [Shift] key.
- To select non-consecutive lines, click the target lines while holding the [Ctrl] key.
- To deselect the lines, press the [ESC] key.
- (*2) If tool data exists in the bottom line of the Tool List when a line is inserted, the confirmation dialog appears. If you click [OK], a blank line is added and the bottom line is deleted.

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8.3.5 Copy and paste one line of tool data

The following describes how to copy and paste one line of tool data.

- (1) Click the line to copy in Tool List.

Click the [Tool Settings] tab > [Line copy] command.

(*) If no line or multiple lines are selected, the [Line copy] command is not selectable (grayed out).

(*) If you perform the following operations, the copied content is cancelled.

- Switch to a function window such as machining simulation or analysis simulation.
- Move the cursor to Tool Details.
- Edit Tool List (delete, insert, move).
- Read tool management data.
- Open another project.

- (2) Click the line to which the copied line will be pasted.

Click the [Tool Settings] tab > [Line paste] command.

If the line is pasted to a line where data exists, "Tool No." is not changed but the other items are overwritten.

If the line is pasted to a blank line, a dialog for setting a tool number appears. Enter a unique tool number.

(*) If no tool number is entered or if the tool number you entered already exists or is not within the range, a warning dialog appears. Enter a tool number again.

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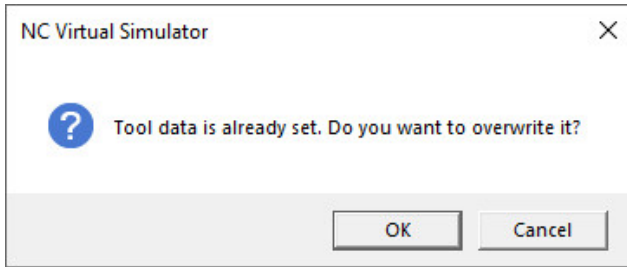
8.3.6 Read NC tool management data

NC Virtual Simulator allows you to create tool data using the tool management data backed up by the All-backup function of the NC unit.

The following describes how to read tool management data.

- (1) Click the [Tool Settings] tab > [Read NC data] command.

- (*) If tool data already exists, the following confirmation dialog appears.



- (2) The read tool management data is displayed.

| Tool No. | Tool Type | Dir. | H | Length A | D | Diameter |
|----------|-----------|------|----|----------|----|----------|
| 1 | Drill | CW | 1 | 100.000 | 30 | 30.000 |
| 10 | Drill | CW | 10 | 100.000 | 10 | 30.000 |
| 20 | Drill | CW | 20 | 100.000 | 20 | 30.000 |
| 30 | Drill | CW | 30 | 100.000 | 30 | 30.000 |
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| | | | | | | |

- (*) If the read tool data contains a tool whose tool type is not listed in Tool type of "8.1 Screen configuration and display items", the line corresponding to the tool displays no tool data and remains blank.

(Note) When "Length A" and "Diameter B" in tool management data are set, the values are set as the tool offsets for the offset numbers (L offset "H", R offset "D") same as the tool number so that the behavior of the offsets is consistent between simulation and the NC unit. For this reason, be aware that this consistency cannot be maintained if you use the [Read NC data] command after this setting is done.

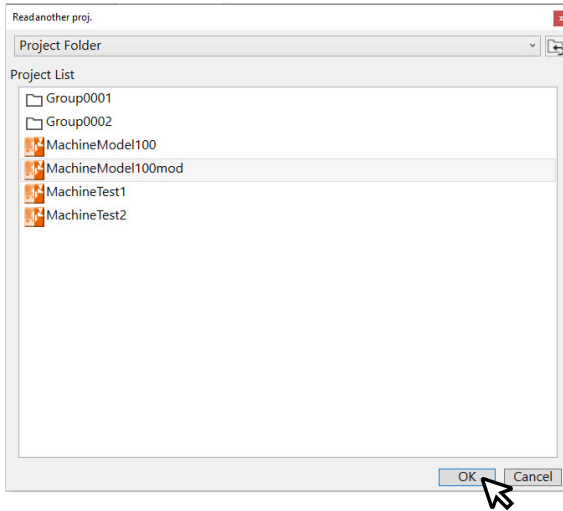
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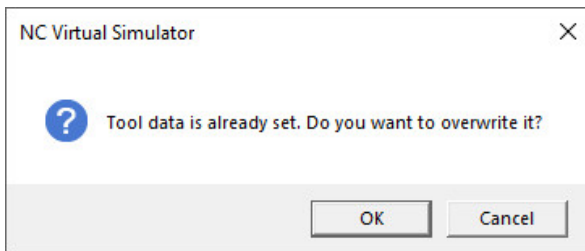
8.3.7 Import tool data of another project

The following describes how to import tool data from another project.

- (1) Click the [Tool Settings] tab > [Read another proj.] command.
The Read another proj. dialog appears.
Choose a project and click [OK].



- (*) If tool data already exists, the following confirmation dialog appears. Click [OK].



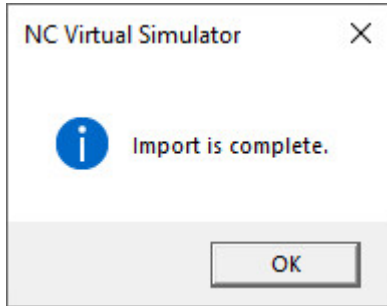
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- (2) The tool data of the selected project is read.

The tool data is read line by line from the top. The tool length and radius offsets corresponding to L offset "H" and R offset "D" in the read data are also updated.

When the import of the tool data is complete, the following dialog appears. Click [OK].



The tool data that is read first is displayed in the first line of Tool List.

| Tool No. | Tool Type | Dir. | H | Length A | D | Diameter |
|----------|---------------|------|----|----------|----|----------|
| 1 | Ball endmill | CW | 1 | 120.000 | 1 | 20.000 |
| 10 | Radius endmil | CW | 10 | 120.000 | 10 | 20.000 |
| 20 | Flat endmill | CW | 20 | 130.000 | 20 | 20.000 |
| 50 | Drill | CW | 50 | 150.000 | 50 | 50.000 |
| | | | | | | |
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Tool Details

Tool No.

Tool Type

Use

Direction

L offset H

R offset D

Length :A

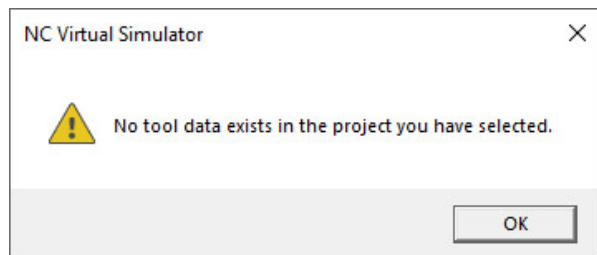
Diameter :B

Cut. Edge L :E

Holder H :G

Holder D :H

If no tool data exists in the selected project, the following error message appears.



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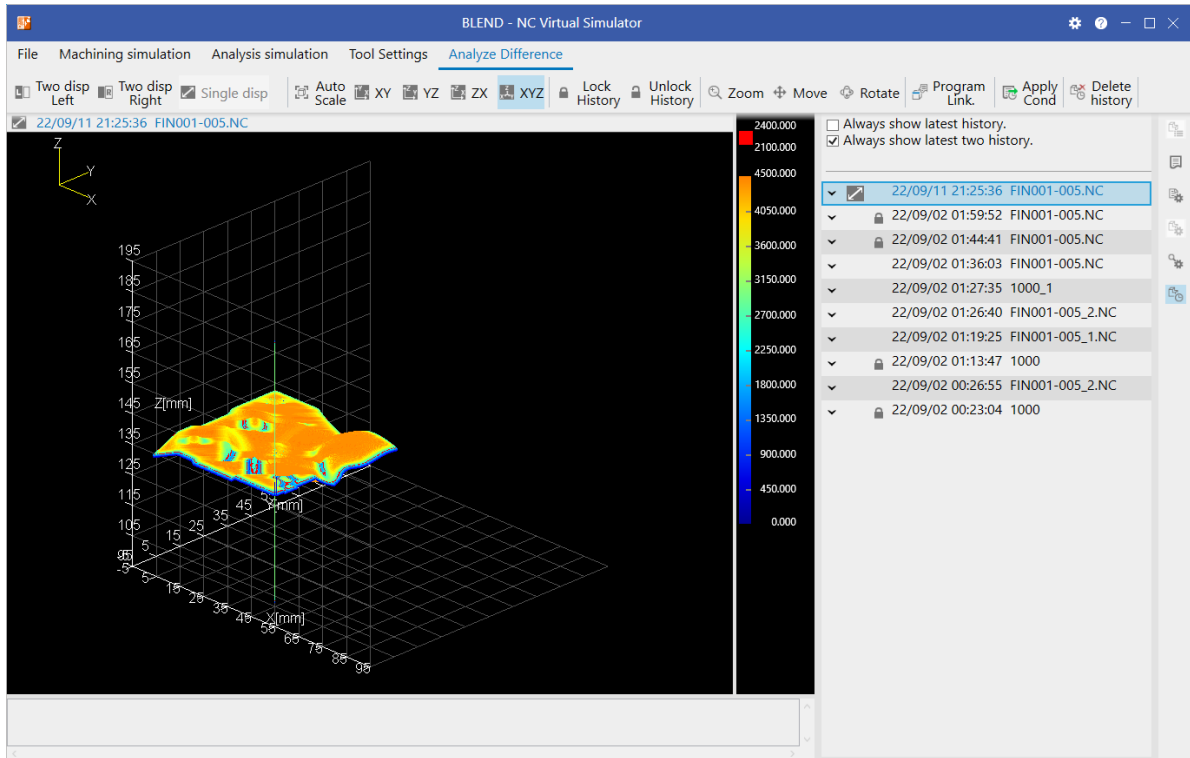
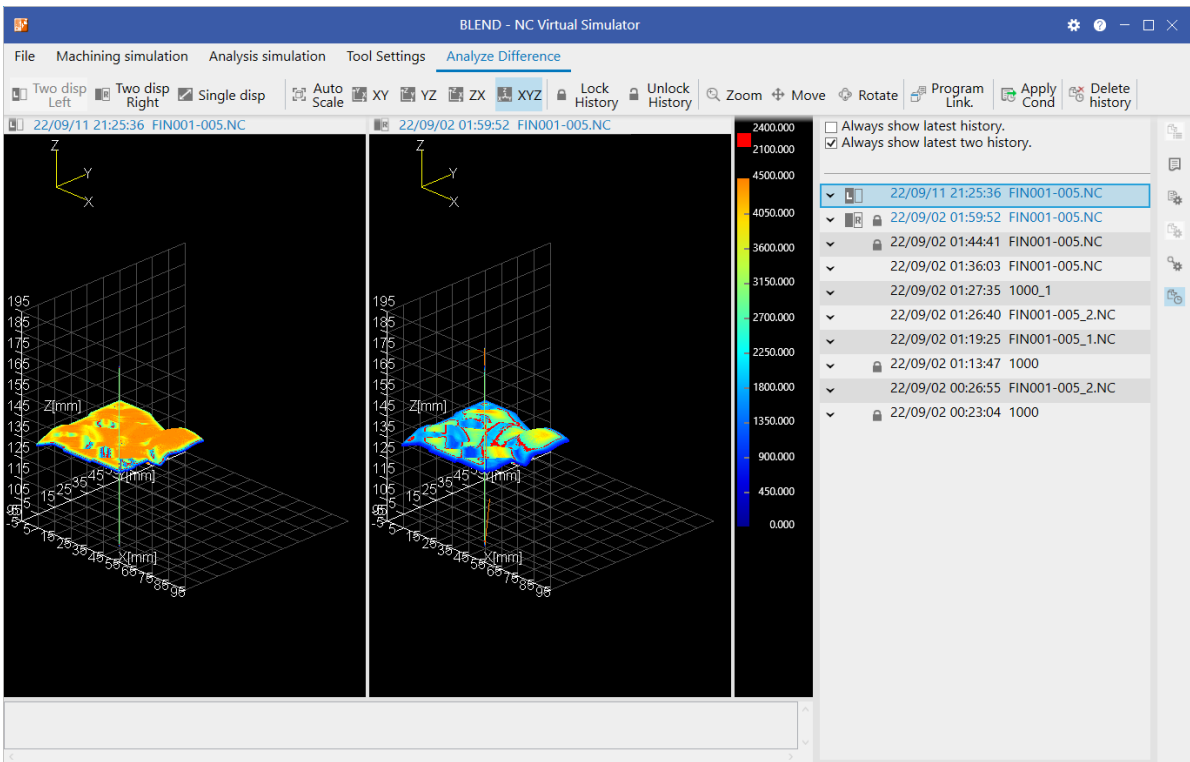
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- Since R offset "D" cannot be specified when compensation type I is selected, the tool radius is not set in the tool radius offset. To change the tool radius offset, change it in the NC Data List sub-display.
- When compensation type II is selected, ensure that the length and wear amount of the shape are taken into account in the offset values of L offset "H" and R offset "D". You cannot set the wear amount only. To change the wear offset, change it in the NC Data List sub-display.
- If there are duplicate offset numbers, it causes unintended simulation because the offsets for the duplicate tool are changed when the tool length or tool radius is changed, which results in inconsistency between the tool length and tool radius and the offsets.

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The simulation difference analysis function allows you to display the past analysis simulation results on two screens or one screen and to check machining shape differences caused by NC parameter differences.



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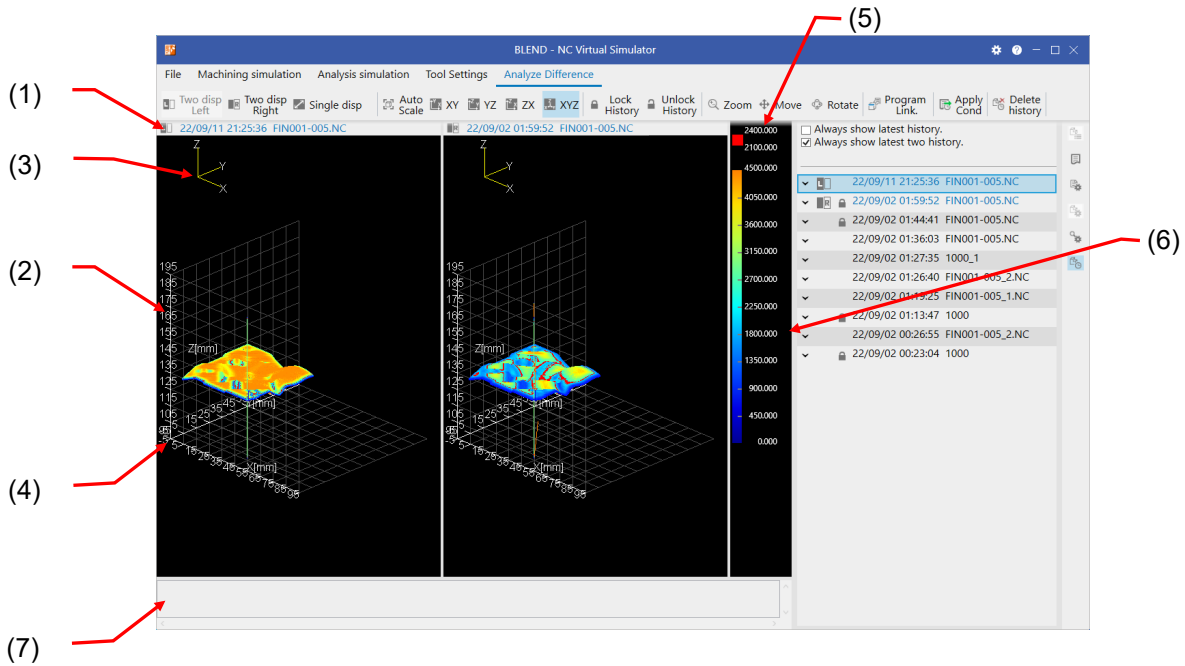
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9.1.1 Screen configuration and display items

In the simulation difference analysis window, you can compare the past simulation results.

The display area of the simulation results to be compared consists of one screen or two screens of the simulation area (right) and the simulation area (left).



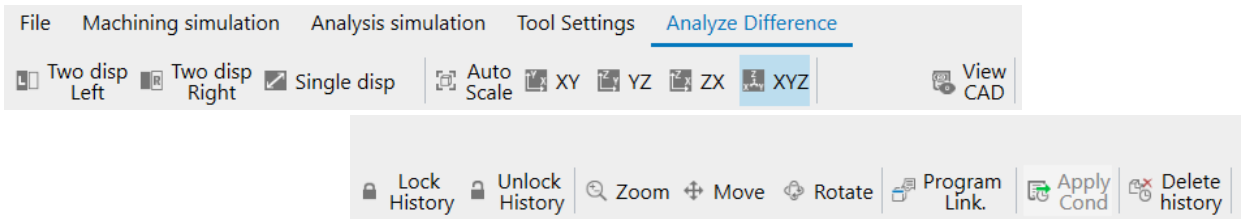
| Item | Description |
|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Simulation history title | Displays the time when simulation of the machining shape displayed in the graphics area is started (local time of the PC in use), and the program name. If the complete simulation history title cannot be displayed, "... " to show omission is displayed at the end. |
| (2) Graphics area | Displays the machining shape of the selected simulation results. You can zoom, rotate, and move the machining shape. The display is switched between one-screen display and two-screen display. |
| (3) Coordinate axes (*1) | Displays the coordinate axes X, Y, Z in the upper-left corner of the graphics area. |
| (4) Scale (*1) | The scales for base axes I, J and K are displayed around the machining shape. The tick marks for each axis divide the workpiece width and extra value into 10 segments. |
| (5) Single color display | This item is displayed when the analysis type (Feed Map, Acceleration Map, etc.) for color map display is selected. The range of values set in [Single color] of the "Analysis simulation settings" sub-display. |
| (6) Gradation bar display | This item is displayed when the analysis type (Feed Map, Acceleration Map, etc.) for color map display is selected. The relationship between the range of values set in [Gradation] of the "Analysis simulation settings" sub-display and the color allocation. |
| (7) Message area | Displays error messages that occurred during machining simulation and analysis simulation. Error messages for alarms that occurred during simulation and for alarms that occurred in NC are displayed. |

(*1) When two screens are displayed, the same contents are displayed on the right and left screens.

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9.1.2 Simulation difference analysis commands



The following lists the commands that can be used in simulation difference analysis.

| | Command | Description | Reference |
|----|--------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Two disp Left | Displays the simulation history selected in the sub-display "Simulation History" on the left area of the two screens. | 9.2.1 Compare the simulation results |
| 2 | Two disp Right | Displays the simulation history selected in the sub-display "Simulation History" on the right area of the two screens. | |
| 3 | Single disp | Displays the simulation history selected in the sub-display "Simulation History" on one screen. | |
| 4 | Auto Scale (*1) | Zoom the machining shape (cutting feed data) so that the size is about 90% of the graphics area. | - |
| 5 | XY (*1)(*2) | Change the plane where the workpiece shape is displayed or change the display to 3D. The scale in the plane selected before switch is retained. | 6.3.6 Change the point of view on workpiece |
| 6 | YZ (*1)(*2) | | |
| 7 | ZX (*1)(*2) | | |
| 8 | XYZ (*1)(*2) | | |
| 9 | View CAD (*1)(*2) | Toggles between showing and hiding the product CAD model. | - |
| 10 | Lock History | Locks the simulation history selected in the sub-display "Simulation History". The history is retained not to be deleted from the simulation history. The lock mark (🔒) is displayed for the locked history. | 9.2.4 Retain simulation history |
| 11 | Unlock History | Unlocks the locked simulation history. | |
| 12 | Zoom (*1)(*2) | Zoom the displayed machining shape. | 6.3.7 Adjust the workpiece display position, angle and size |
| 13 | Move (*1)(*2) | Move the displayed machining shape. | |
| 14 | Rotate (*1)(*2) | Rotate the displayed machining shape. | |
| 15 | Program Link. (*2) | Shows which block in the machining program corresponds to the line segments selected in the displayed machining shape and vice versa. | 9.2.7 Enable program link |
| 16 | Apply Cond | Applies the machining conditions of the simulation history selected in the sub-display "Simulation History" to the parameters of the currently open project. | 9.2.5 Apply machining conditions of simulation history to current project |
| 17 | Delete history | Deletes the simulation history selected in the sub-display "Simulation History". | 9.2.6 Delete simulation history |

(*1) When two screens are displayed, displays of both screens are switched at the same time.

(*2) The operation is equivalent to that of analysis simulation.

(Note 1) When the [XY], [YZ] or [ZX] command is selected, the [Rotate] command is not selectable.

(Note 2) The [Apply Cond] command is not selectable while simulation is paused.

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(Note 3) Some commands are not selectable according to the state of the sub-display "Simulation History".

| State of the sub-display "Simulation History" | Unselectable command |
|--|--|
| Hidden | Two disp Left, Two disp Right, Single disp, Apply Cond, Lock History, Unlock History, Delete history |
| No history exists. | Two disp Left, Two disp Right, Single disp, Apply Cond, Lock History, Unlock History, Delete history |
| The selected history is not one. | Two disp Left, Two disp Right, Single disp, Apply Cond |
| All unselected simulation histories are locked. | Lock History |
| The machining program of the selected simulation is different from that of the other simulation history. | Two disp Left, Two disp Right |
| The history displayed in the simulation area (left) is selected. | Two disp Left |
| The history displayed in the simulation area (right) is selected. | Two disp Right |
| The history displayed in the simulation area on one screen is selected. | Single disp |
| A history not displayed in the simulation area is selected. | Apply Cond |

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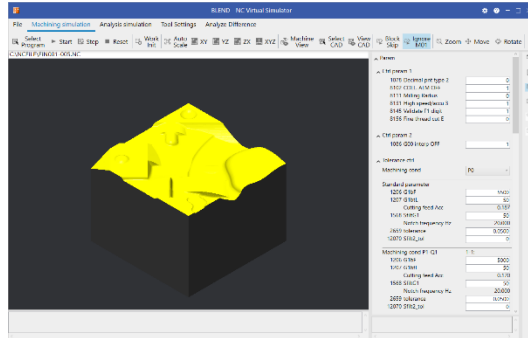
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9.2.1 Compare the simulation results

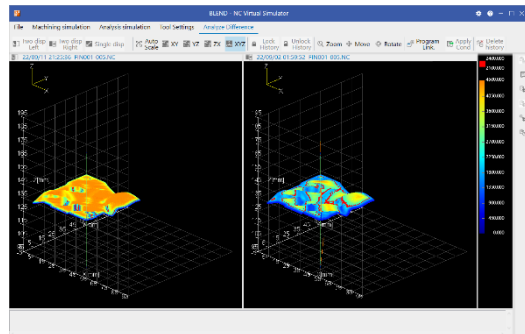
The past analysis simulation results can be displayed side by side.

- (1) Click the [Start] command of [Machining simulation] or [Analysis simulation]. → Simulation is started.

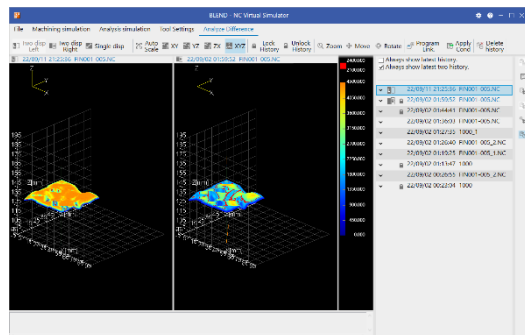


- (2) After the simulation, click the [Analyze Difference] tab. → The simulation display area is divided into two screens, and the shapes are displayed as follows.

Simulation area (left): Machining shape simulated in the step (1)
 Simulation area (right): Machining shape simulated last time prior to the step (1)



- (3) Select [Simulation History] from the sub-display switch buttons. → The simulation history is displayed in the sub-display. The top history in the simulation history list is selected.

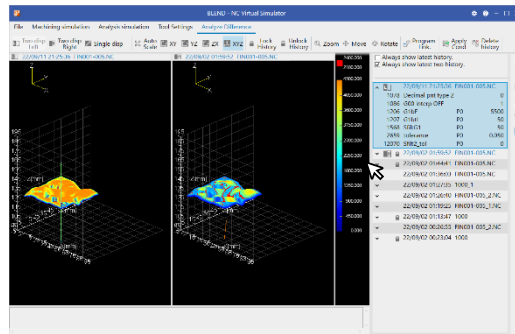


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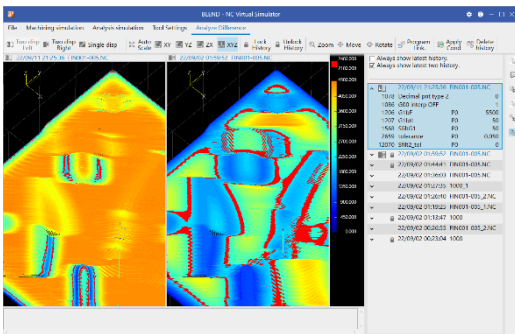
- (4) To check the machining condition of the sub-display [Simulation History], click in the history list, or press the [Enter] key.

→ The machining condition is displayed.



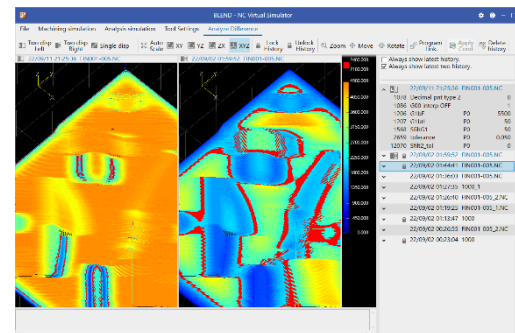
- (5) To adjust the point of view and display size of the machining shape, use the [Auto Scale], [XY], [YZ], [ZX], [XYZ], [Zoom], [Move] and [Rotate] commands.



→ The machining shape is displayed according of the clicked command.



- (6) To compare with another history, click the history to be compared in the history list of the sub-display [Simulation History].

→ The clicked history is selected.



The selection state is not changed even if  and  are clicked.

The selection of the history can be moved up and down by pressing the [↑] and [↓] keys on the keyboard.

The top or bottom history is selected by pressing the [↑] or [↓] key while holding the [Ctrl] key.

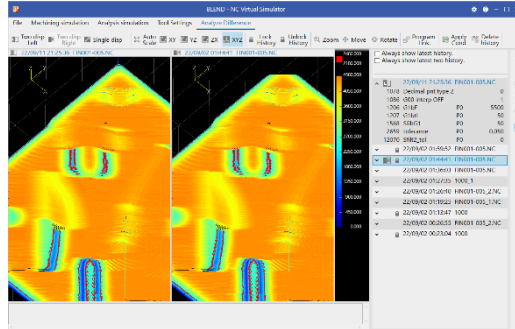
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- (7) Click the [Two disp Right] command. (*1)



After the progress window appears, the machining shape of the simulation history selected in the step (6) is displayed in the simulation area (right).
 On both screens, the state where [Zoom], [Rotate] and [Move] are executed in the step (5) is retained.
 [Always show latest two history.] is unchecked.



The operation is the same in the following cases.
 Press the [Enter] key while the [Right side of two disp] menu is selected.
 Press the application key on the keyboard.

- (*1) When the mouse is right-clicked and the [Right side of two disp] menu is selected, the behavior is the same.
- (*) If the simulation history displayed last time cannot be displayed because another machining program is selected, the amount of history data is limited, etc., the latest displayable simulation history is displayed.

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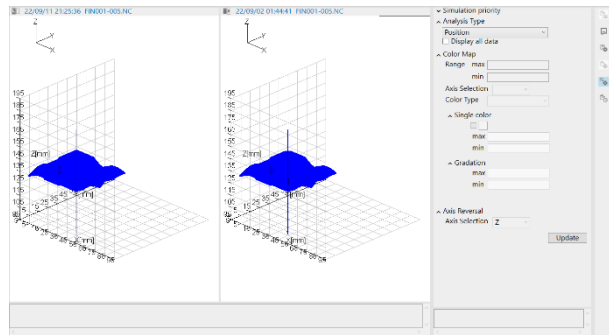
9.2.2 Switch the analysis type

The analysis type of the machining shapes displayed to compare can be switched. On both screens, the machining shapes are displayed with the switched analysis type.

Analysis type: Position/Feed Map/Acceleration Map/Posit. Diff Map/Feed Diff Map/Axis Reversal

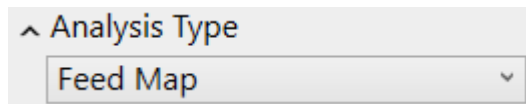
(1) Select [Analysis simulation settings] form the sub-display switch buttons.

The analysis simulation setting is displayed in the sub-display.



(2) Select an analysis type from [Analysis Type] in the "Analysis simulation settings" sub-dipslay.

The selected type is displayed in [Analysis Type]. This is an example when [Feed Map] is selected.



The range of the color map is as follows.

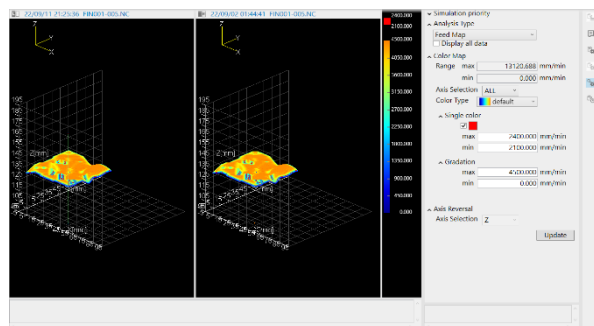
- min/max of [Range]: Minimum/maximum values of [Feed Map] for the history displayed in the simulation area
- min/max of [Single color], [Gradation]: Values entered last time

(3) Click [Update].

[Axis Selection] of [Axis Reversal] is not selectable.

After the progress window appears, the screen update is completed.

Both screens turn to the feed map display.



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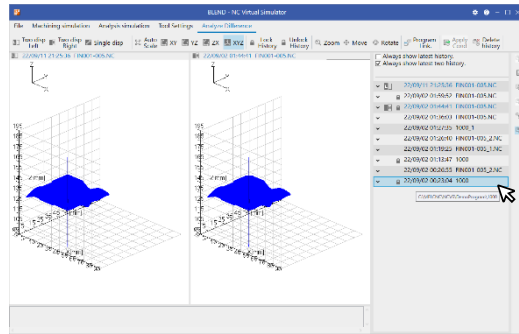
9.2.3 Switch to simulation result of a different machining program

The simulation result of a different machining program from the program for the currently displayed simulation result is displayed for comparison.

If the machining program file name displayed in the simulation history list is the same but the storage location path is different, the machining program is regarded as a different one.

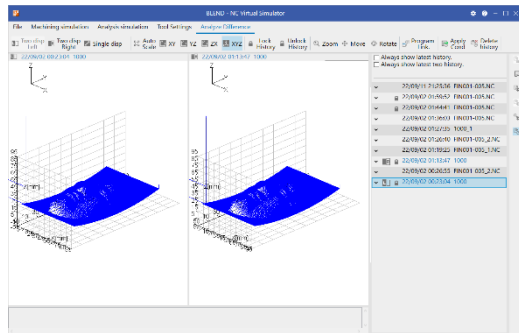
- (1) Position the mouse pointer on a title in the simulation history list in the sub-display "Simulation History".

→ The full path of the machining program where the mouse pointer is positioned in the simulation history is displayed in a tooltip.



- (2) Select a history of the simulation executed in a different machining program from the currently displayed simulation history. Click the right-click menu [Left side of two disp].

→ After the progress window appears, the screen update is completed. The machining shapes are displayed in the simulation area on two screens. (*1)
 Simulation area (left): Machining shape of the selected simulation history
 Simulation area (right): Machining shape of the latest simulation history in the same machining program as the selected simulation history. (*2)



(*1) On both screens, the state before the step (2) is retained when [Zoom], [Rotate] and [Move] are executed. Adjust the machining shape view as needed.

(*2) If no simulation history in the same machining program exists, the machining shape is displayed on one screen.

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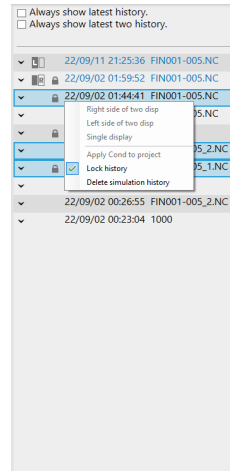
9.2.4 Retain simulation history

When the number of saved simulation histories exceeds the maximum number, the oldest history is automatically deleted.


However, when a simulation history is locked, the history is not deleted but retained.

(1) Select a history to be retained in the simulation history list, and click the [Lock History] command. (*1)

The selected history is retained but not automatically deleted. The lock mark  is displayed.




(3) Click the [Unlock History] command. (*1)

The lock mark  is hidden, and the history is the target of automatic deletion.

(*1) When the mouse is right-clicked and the [Lock history] menu is selected, the history can be locked and unlocked.

(Note1) When no simulation history is selected or 10 histories are selected, the [Lock History] is disabled.

(Note2) When two or more histories are selected, the top history without the lock mark  is the target of history lock.

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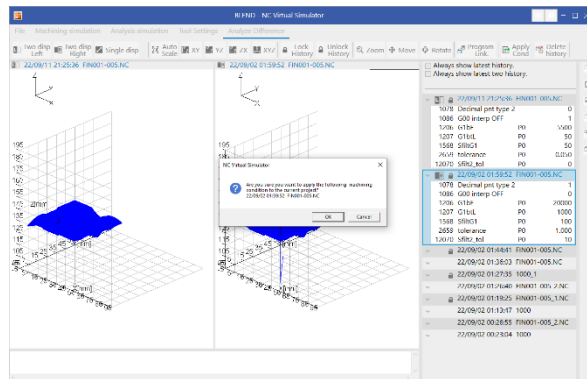
9.2.5 Apply machining conditions of simulation history to current project

Machining conditions (NC parameters) of the simulation history are applied to machining conditions of the currently selected project.

With this function, past machining conditions (NC parameters) can be easily applied to the current machining conditions.

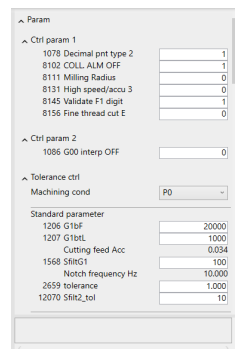
- (1) Select a history to apply the machining conditions in the simulation history list. Click the right-click menu [Apply Cond to project] or the [Apply Cond] command.

The confirmation dialog appears. This menu is not selectable for histories other than those displayed in the simulation area. This menu is not selectable while simulation is paused.



- (2) Click [OK].

The parameters for the machining conditions of the history selected in (1) are applied to the project. The applied parameters can be checked in the sub-display "NC Data List".



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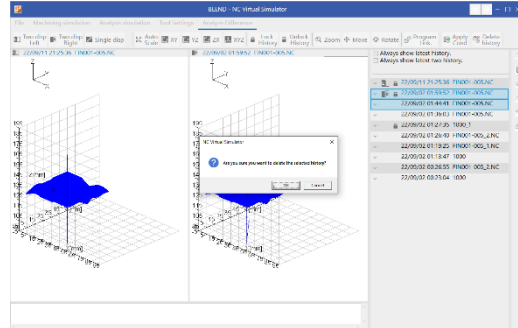
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9.2.6 Delete simulation history

Any unnecessary simulation history can be manually deleted.

- (1) Select a history to be deleted in the simulation history list. Click the right-click menu [Delete simulation history] or the [Delete history] command.

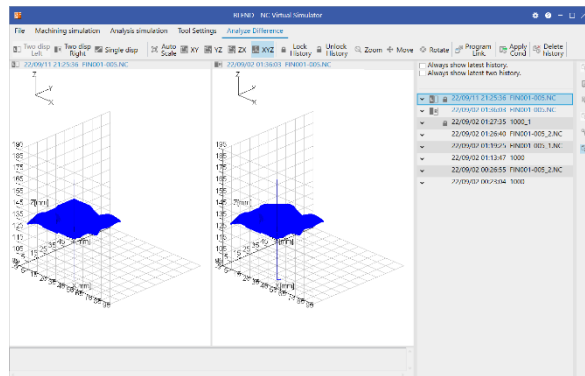
The confirmaiton dialog appears.



- (3) Click [OK].

The history selected in (1) is deleted from the simulation history list.

- When the simulation history displayed in the simulation area is deleted, the latest simulation history is displayed.
- When all the histories are deleted, the simulation area is displayed on one screen and no machining shape is displayed in the graphic area.



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9.2.7 Enable program link

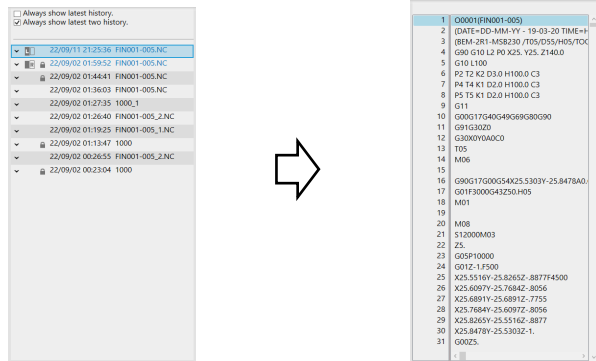
If you click a line segment in the machining shape, the line segment is highlighted in red, and the corresponding block in the machining program is highlighted.

Conversely, if you select a block in the machining program, the line segments in the machining shape corresponding to the block is highlighted.

■ Select a line segment in the machining shape

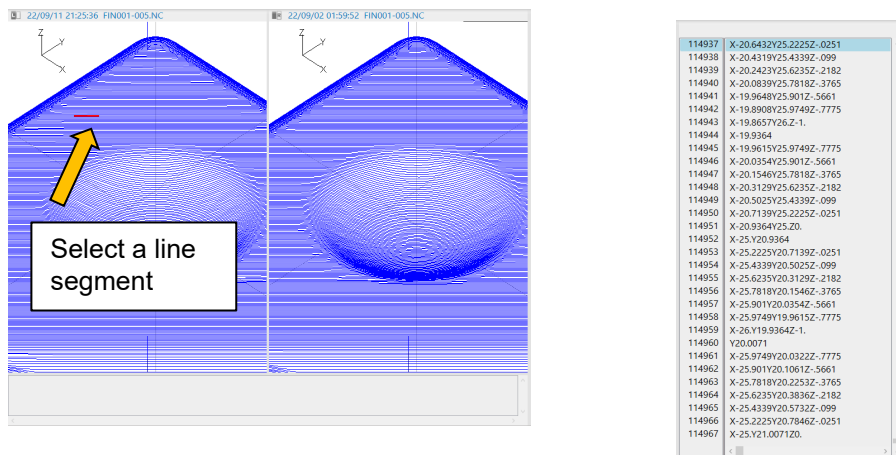
- (1) Select the [Program Link.] command.

The [Program Link.] command is highlighted. The sub-display switch button [Display program] is selected, and the machining program appears in the sub-display. If the machining program is not displayed in the sub-display, the display is automatically switched to the machining program.



- (2) Select a line segment in the machining shape.

The line segment you selected is highlighted, and the corresponding block in the machining program is highlighted. The line segment for one block in the machining program is highlighted.



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- (*) Even if you switch the sub-display to another sub-display during [Program Link.], [Program Link.] remains enabled.
- (*) When the selected line segment in the machining shape corresponds to a block in the main program, the main program is displayed in the program display sub-display. When the selected line segment in the machining shape corresponds to a block in the subprogram, the subprogram is displayed. You cannot switch between the main program and the subprogram through operation in the program display sub-display.
- (*) Scrolling using the vertical scroll bar or by the cursor movement is only available within the displayed program.
- (*) When two screens are displayed, the line segment in the machining shape is highlighted only on the screen where the line segment is selected.

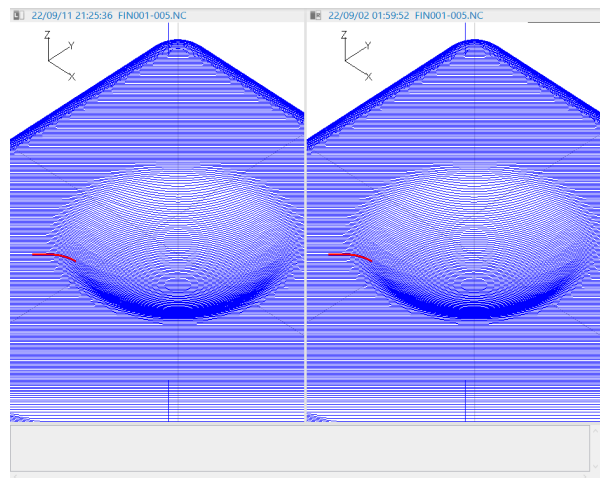
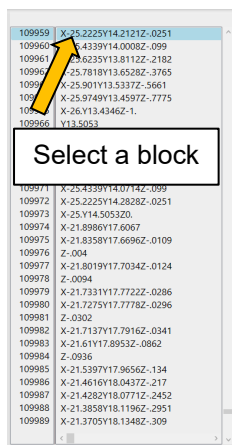
■ Select a block in the machining program

(1) Select the [Program Link.] command.

The [Program Link.] command is highlighted.
The sub-display switch button [Display program] is selected, and the machining program appears in the sub-display.

(2) Select a block in the machining program.

The line segments in the machining shape that correspond to the selected block are all highlighted on both screens.



- (*) If the block you selected in [Program Link.] is executed repeatedly by means of GOTO, etc., the line segments corresponding to the block executed first are highlighted.

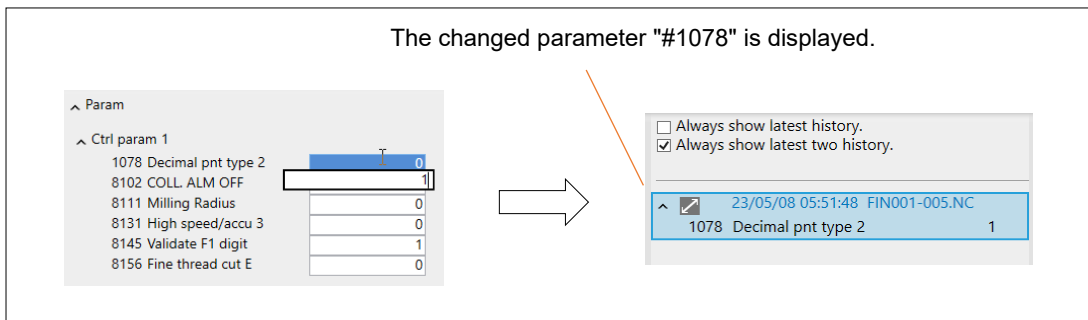
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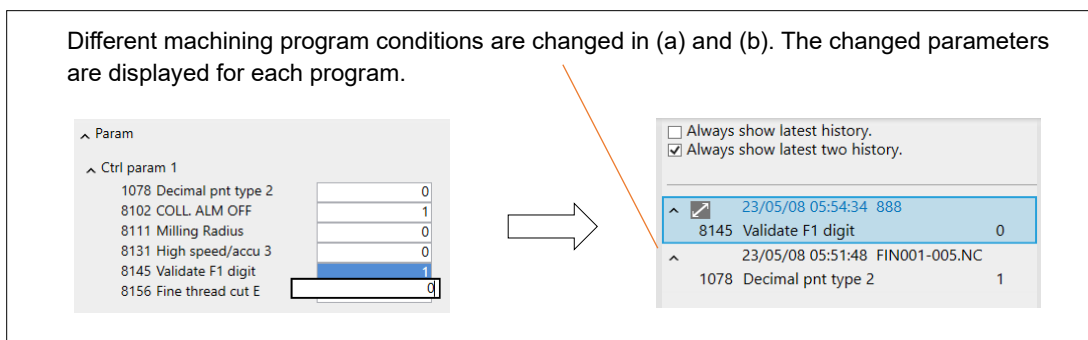
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- (1) Only parameters changed in the sub-display "NC Data List" are displayed in the machining conditions of the history displayed in the sub-display "Simulation History".
Parameters changed by G10 command are applied to the sub-display "NC Data List", but are not applied to the machining conditions of each history displayed in the sub-display "Simulation History".
- (2) Simulation histories that can be displayed on the right and left screens are those where both file path and file name of the machining program used for simulation are the same.
When contents such as the line number in the machining program and G code are different but both file path and file name of the machining program are the same, the simulation history is to be displayed on two screens. Therefore, the machining program displayed in the sub-display "Display program" may be inconsistent.
- (3) Simulation histories to be saved after simulation and settings to retain the simulation histories do not depend on whether the project is saved but are updated accordingly.
- (4) In simulation history, machining conditions executed in the same machining program are displayed comparatively by going back to the past.
Differences of machining conditions simulated in different machining programs are not displayed. The following is a display example of machining conditions.

- (a) Change the setting value of "#1078 Decimal pnt type 2" in the machining program "FIN001-005.NC" and run the simulation.



- (b) Change the setting value of "#8145 Validate F1 digit" in the machining program "888" and run the simulation.



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- (c) Change the setting value of "#8111 Milling Radius" in the machining program "FIN001-005.NC" and run the simulation.

The machining programs are the same between (a) and (c). The parameters #1078 and #8111 with difference are displayed.

| Parameter ID | Parameter Name | Value |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1078 | Decimal pnt type 2 | 0 |
| 8102 | COLL. ALM OFF | 1 |
| 8111 | Milling Radius | 0 |
| 8131 | High speed/accu 3 | 0 |
| 8145 | Validate F1 digit | 1 |
| 8156 | Fine thread cut E | 0 |

| Date/Time | Program Name | Parameter ID | Parameter Name | Value |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| 23/05/08 05:56:41 | FIN001-005.NC | 1078 | Decimal pnt type 2 | 0 |
| | | 8111 | Milling Radius | 1 |
| 23/05/08 05:51:48 | FIN001-005.NC | 1078 | Decimal pnt type 2 | 1 |
| | | 8111 | Milling Radius | 0 |

- (5) In simulation history, CAD model error analysis is performed based on the product CAD model currently selected in machining simulation or analysis simulation and its display position. To perform CAD model error analysis for a product CAD model different from the currently selected one and its display position, select another product CAD model with the [Select CAD] command in machining simulation or analysis simulation.

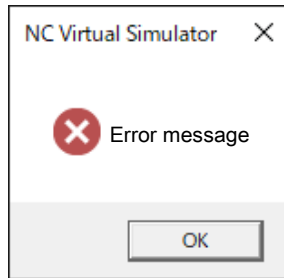
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The message displayed in a dialog message is preceded by a symbol that indicates the type of message (error, warning, selection, information)..



| | Type | Description |
|--|-------------|--|
| | Error | Indicate that a problem has already occurred. Take the corrective action described in the table below. |
| | Warning | Indicate that a problem may occur. |
| | Selection | Indicate that there is more than one option. |
| | Information | Provide relevant information. |

| Error message | Description | Corrective action |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| No folder with the data was found. | The folder with the data that was selected during installation cannot be referenced. | Install NC Virtual Simulator again. |
| Enter a project name. | No project name is entered. | Correct the project name. |
| The project name you have entered is too long. Ensure that the project name is not longer than 80 characters (A double-byte character is counted as two characters). | The entered project name is too long. | |
| The project name that you have entered already exists. Specify a different project name. | A project with the same name as the one you entered already exists. | |
| A project name cannot consist of spaces only. | The project name contains only spaces. | |
| The project name that you have entered contains an invalid character (\ / : * ? < > "). | The entered project name contains an invalid character. | |
| The project name that you have entered is not allowed. Specify a different project name. | The project name contains a reserved word of Windows. | |

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| The project name must not begin or end with a space or a period. Correct the project name. | The project name begins or ends with a space or a period (.). | |
| Enter a name. | No name is entered. | Correct the project name or folder name. |
| The name you have entered is too long. Ensure that the name is not longer than 80 characters (A double-byte character is counted as two characters). | The entered name is too long. | |
| The project name or folder name that you have entered already exists. Specify a different name. | A project or folder with the same name as the one you entered already exists. | |
| A name cannot consist of spaces only. | The name contains only spaces. | |
| The name that you have entered contains an invalid character (\ / : * ? < > "). | The entered name contains an invalid character. | |
| The name that you have entered is not allowed. Specify a different name. | The name contains a reserved word of Windows. | |
| The name must not begin or end with a space or a period. Correct the name. | The name begins or ends with a space or a period (.). | |
| The folder that you have selected is either not the backup data of a machine tool or for an unsupported model. Ensure that the folder contains the correct data. | The folder that you have selected is either not machine tool's backup data or for an unsupported model. | Specify the folder where machine tool's backup data is saved. |
| Communication failed. Could not connect to the NC for one of the following reasons. * The NC does not exist. * The NC is not powered on. * Communication failure. | NC Virtual Simulator cannot connect to the NC. | Correct the IP address of the machine tool to be connected. |
| The project cannot be renamed because it is open. Close the project. | The project or folder you are trying to rename contains the currently open project. | Close the project. |
| The project cannot be deleted because it is open. Close the project. | The project or folder you are trying to delete contains the currently open project. | |
| Failed to start the Internet browser. | There may not be an Internet browser installed. | Establish the Internet access environment to access Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website. |

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| Failed to launch the application. | The requested process failed due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrupted execution file • Insufficient hard disk space • Insufficient memory • The destination project file (*1) is write-protected (*1) The destination project file is the file stored in the "project name" folder under the project storage folder (Default "C:\MELCNC\NCVS\Project"). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close the other applications, and restart. • Reboot the PC. • Install NC Virtual Simulator again. • Check the free space on the hard disk. • Check the hardware specifications of the PC used. • Check whether the destination project file is write-protected. |
| Failed to save the application settings. | | |
| Failed to create a project. | | |
| Failed to create a folder. | | |
| Failed to rename the project or folder. | | |
| Failed to delete the project or folder. | | |
| Failed to save project. | | |
| Cannot open the project because it is not valid. | The files in the project folder are corrupted. | If you have the backup data of that project, open the project using it. Create a project again. |
| Failed to read the file. | The shared folder is not connected. | Connect to the shared folder from Windows Explorer. |
| Illegal machine model. | There are no machine configuration files in the selected folder. | Contact the machine tool builder. |
| The machine model name is too long. Ensure that the machine model name is not longer than 20 characters. | The machine model name is too long. | Contact the machine tool builder. |
| Tool number not found. | The specified tool number is not set in the tool data. | Set the tool number. |
| Are you sure you want to delete the tool data? | The tool data is about to be deleted. | Confirm that it is OK to delete it. |
| Tool data is already set. Do you want to overwrite it? | There is a tool set for the tool data. | Confirm that it is OK to overwrite it. |
| No tool data exists in the project you have selected. | No tool data has been set in the selected project. | Close the project and open it again to check the tool data. Select another project. |
| Tool data is already set at bottom line. Do you want to remove it? | Tool data is set in the line that is to be deleted when you insert a line. | Confirm that it is OK to delete it. |
| Tool Number is missing. | No tool number has been entered in the tool number input dialog. | Enter a tool number. |
| Tool Number is duplicate. | The tool data of the same tool number as the one to be added by Line paste exists. | Set another tool number. |
| Tool Number is out of range. | The tool number of the tool data to be added by Line paste is not within the range. | Set a tool number that is within the range. |
| Failed to register the license file. Please check: whether the selected license file was deleted whether the selected license file is being used by another process. | The selected license file could not be registered. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check whether the selected license file was deleted. • Check whether the selected license file is being used by another process. |

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| The license files for other features cannot be registered because the license for NC Virtual Simulator is not valid. | License files other than NC Virtual Simulator cannot be registered. | Register the license for NC Virtual Simulator. |
| The license file could not be registered because the expiration date is past. | The selected license file has expired. | Purchase a new license. |
| The license file could not be registered because it contains an unsupported feature. | The selected license file contains an unsupported feature. | Upgrade NC Virtual Simulator. |
| The license for NC Virtual Simulator has expired. | The license for NC Virtual Simulator has expired. | To continue to use NC Virtual Simulator, purchase a new license. |
| The following license has expired. <license type> | The license for the displayed feature has expired. | To continue to use the feature, purchase a new license. |
| Cannot register a license file that will expire before the expiration date of the registered license. | A license file that will expire before the expiration date of the registered license cannot be registered. | Use a license file that will not expire before the expiration date of the registered license. |
| There is a problem with the registered license file. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The license file has been corrupted. • A license file issued for another PC is used. | Use the correct license file issued for the PC you are using. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ethernet port or wireless LAN of the PC have been disabled. • The external Ethernet adapter that was in use has been detached. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable the Ethernet port or wireless LAN of the PC that was disabled. • Attach the external Ethernet adapter that was in use. |
| NC Virtual Simulator cannot be used because the Windows time has been changed. | NC Virtual Simulator cannot be used because it is recognized that Windows time has been changed improperly. | Contact the service center. |
| CAD model import failed. | The selected product CAD model cannot be displayed due to the following reasons: - Corrupted product CAD model file - Insufficient memory | Check the output contents of the product CAD model. |
| Invalid file path. | The selected file path exceeds 256 characters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program file selected by [Select Program] • Product CAD model file selected by [Select CAD] | Change the location to store the machining program file or product CAD model file. |
| Invalid file name. | The file name exceeds 256 characters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program file selected by [Select Program] • Product CAD model file selected by [Select CAD] | Change the machining program file name or product CAD model file name. |

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| Invalid directory name. | <p>A directory name that exceeds 48 characters exists in the selected file path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program file selected by [Select Program] • Product CAD model file selected by [Select CAD] | <p>Change the name of the directory where the machining program file or product CAD model file is stored.</p> |
| Failed to select the machining program. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The selected file is in a format that cannot be used as a machining program. • The virtual folder (C:\MELCNC\NCVS\HD) is an actual folder. • A machining program is selected through the network. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the contents of the selected machining program file. • Delete the HD of the actual folder (C:\MELCNC\NCVS\HD) or change the name. • A machining program cannot be selected through the network. Select a machining program on the local disk. |
| After saving the project, the project will be reloaded. Are you sure you want to continue? | After saving the project setting, the project is reloaded. | Confirm that it is OK to save the project setting and reload the project. |
| Because the shape is complicated and the memory usage has reached the upper limit, This operation is not available. By changing the material size that limits the simulation range, You can use it by restarting the simulation. | Pinpoint zoom cannot be performed because the memory usage reached the upper limit. | See "12.3 Memory usage reaches upper limit during simulation and simulation stops". |
| Because memory usage reaches the upper limit Unable to load CAD model. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The file size of the product CAD model exceeds 80 MB. • Loading of the product CAD model is stopped because the memory usage reached the upper limit. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the file size of the product CAD model to less than 80 MB. • See "12.3 Memory usage reaches upper limit during simulation and simulation stops". |
| Are you sure that you want to overwrite the machining time prediction setting? | The machining time prediction setting value is already set, but it is tried to be overwritten. | Conform that it is OK to overwrite it. |
| Path (*1) Path does not exist. Check the path and try again. | <p>The path specified in the dialog does not exist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program selection dialog • Product model selection dialog | Check the folder name and existence of the folder, and then try again. |
| File name (*1) does not exist. Verify that the file name is correct. | The file specified in the program selection dialog does not exist. | Check the machining program file name and existence of the file, and then try again. |
| File name (*1) File not found. Check the file name and try again. | The file specified in the product model selection dialog does not exist. | Check the product CAD model file name and existence of the file, and then try again. |
| No CAD model file is selected. | A product CAD model is tried to be displayed while no product CAD model file is selected. | Select a product CAD model. |

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| A CAD model file that is not in STEP format is selected. | A product CAD model file that is not in STEP format is selected. | Select a product CAD model file in STEP format. |
| Canceled loading CAD model. | The [Cancel] button is clicked while the product model file is being read. | Select a product mode again as needed. |
| Are you sure you want to apply the following machining condition to the current project? YY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS EIA NAME (*2) | The parameter in the machining condition of the selected simulation history is set to the parameter in the sub-display "NC Data List". | Confirm that it is OK to set it. |
| Are you sure you want to delete the selected history? | The selected simulation history is deleted. | Confirm that it is OK to delete it. |

(*1) The content input in "Fine name" of the program selection dialog or product model selection dialog is displayed. When it includes "\", it is determined as a path, and when it does not include, it is determined as a file name.

(*2) "YY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS EIA NAME" indicates the title of the history selected from the simulation history list.

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The following lists the simulation messages that are displayed during simulation.

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| Simulation stopped | Simulation has been stopped. The process for one block has completed after the click of the [Step] command, but the processing of the machining program has been suspended. |
| Simulation stopped (Interference detected) | Simulation is stopped because interference was detected between any of the machine, tool, and workpiece. |
| Simulation stopped because the memory usage reached the upper limit. | The running simulation and analysis process are stopped because the memory usage exceeds the upper limit of the available memory in the application. See "12.3 Memory usage reaches upper limit during simulation and simulation stops". |
| Invalid machine configuration. | The machine configuration file of the imported project is invalid. |
| No machine configuration file exists. | There are no machine configuration files in the imported project. |
| In alignment mode | The product CAD model is during alignment. |
| Out of range. | A value not within the range was set in an input field in the machining simulation settings. |
| This value cannot be set. | An invalid value was set in an input field for analysis simulation settings. A value that exceeds the range of the color map display cannot be set. |
| Analyzing with accuracy priority. | The setting of Simulation priority is different from the one at the start of simulation. When two screens are displayed in simulation difference analysis, it is different from the one at the start of simulation on both right and left screens. |
| Analyzing with speed priority. | The setting of Simulation priority is different from the one at the start of simulation. When two screens are displayed in simulation difference analysis, it is different from the one at the start of simulation on both right and left screens. |
| Simulation is running. | NC data setting, machining time prediction setting or redraw cannot be performed because simulation is running. |
| Redrawing (accuracy-optimized) | The setting of [Simulation priority] of when [Redraw] is clicked is different from the one at the start of simulation. |
| Redrawing (speed-optimized) | The setting of [Simulation priority] of when [Redraw] is clicked is different from the one at the start of simulation. |
| Cannot redraw due to missing data | Redraw cannot be performed because simulation has not been executed since a new project was created. |
| Unable to restore the partial enlargement display. | The pinpoint zoom display of the saved point of view was not restored because the workpiece size, the shift amount of the reference point of the workpiece, the simulation result, etc. were changed. |
| No CAD model file is selected. | The process stops because the CAD model error analysis is tried to be performed while no product CAD model file is selected. |
| A CAD model file that is not in STEP format is selected. | The process stops because the CAD model error analysis is tried to be performed while a product CAD model file that is not in STEP format is selected. |
| Accuracy-optimized analysis is running on the left screen. | When two screens are displayed, the setting of Simulation priority is different from the one at the start of simulation on the left screen. |
| Speed-optimized analysis is running on the left screen. | When two screens are displayed, the setting of Simulation priority is different from the one at the start of simulation on the left screen. |

10. Messages

10.3 NC alarm messages

| Message | Description |
|---|--|
| Accuracy-optimized analysis is running on the right screen. | When two screens are displayed, the setting of Simulation priority is different from the one at the start of simulation on the right screen. |
| Speed-optimized analysis is running on the right screen. | When two screens are displayed, the setting of Simulation priority is different from the one at the start of simulation on the right screen. |

(*) For detailed information about the alarms related to automatic operation, refer to "Alarm/Parameter Manual" of the NC.

10.3 NC alarm messages

Consult the "Alarm/Parameter Manual" for your model.

If multiple NC alarms occur simultaneously, up to ten alarms at a time are displayed.

If an NC alarm message is displayed along with a simulation message, the simulation message is displayed at the top of the message display area.

11. Caution

11.1 General

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Please keep in mind the following considerations related to NC Virtual Simulator.

- You cannot open more than one NC Virtual Simulator at the same time.
- You cannot run NC Virtual Simulator and another user support tool (e.g., NC Trainer, NC Trainer2 plus, NC Explorer) simultaneously.
- The result of a floating-point operation may differ between NC Virtual Simulator and the NC unit within a range of rounding error. (The floating-point operation of NC Virtual Simulator is the same as that of the CPU of the PC.)
- If a symbol other than "." is specified as the decimal separator on Control Panel, you may not be able to open or save projects successfully.
To change the decimal separator, select [Start] > [All apps] > [Windows System Tool] > [Control Panel] > [Clock and Region] > [Region], and click [Additional Settings] button to display "Customize Format" dialog.
- In a project created from [All backup] while tool shape radius designation is set to radius (#8968 = 1), when tools are loaded by [Read NC data] on the Tool Settings window, the tool radius value registered in NC is displayed as the tool diameter value.
- When the PC is under a heavy load, such as when virus scan is run with an anti-virus software, operation of NC Virtual Simulator cannot be guaranteed. Use NC Virtual Simulator while virus scan, etc. is not run.
- Perform machining simulation by [Accuracy]. When [Speed] is selected, the simulation result may be different from the actual shape.

11.2 Caution related to machining programs

Please keep in mind the following considerations related to the machining programs to simulate on NC Virtual Simulator.

- Subprograms that can be called by M98 command are those stored in the same folder as the main program, in NC memory and in NC memory 2. As for NC memory and NC memory 2, the subprograms can be called only when NC memory and NC memory 2 are set in the parameter (#8880 or later) for the subprogram storage location.
To call a subprogram stored in the same folder as the main program by M98 command, call it without specifying ",D" (device number for subprogram).
To call a subprogram stored in NC memory or NC memory 2 by M98 command, specify the device number set in the parameter (#8880 or later) for the subprogram storage location, to ",D".
- Programs on NC memory such as subprograms called by G65 command and M code macros cannot be called unless they are contained in machine tool's backup data imported to the project.
- G54.4 Workpiece installation error compensation function is not supported. When it is commanded, the program error (P34) occurs.
- Machining condition selection cannot be used in a sample project.

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Please keep in mind the following considerations related to re-display of the machining simulation results.

- When a project is opened, the last displayed machining simulation result is displayed on the machining simulation window. Therefore, when a project is saved after any of the following operations and the project is opened next time, a machining simulation result different from the project simulation result is displayed.
 - [Apply Cond to project] is performed from the [Simulation History] sub-display on the difference analysis window.
 - Simulation is run on the analysis simulation window.
 - The workpiece is initialized on the machining simulation window after simulation was run.

To re-display the project simulation result on the machining simulation window, open the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display and click the [Redraw] button.

- If the memory usage reaches the upper limit when a project is saved, the machining simulation result is not saved, and the machining simulation result is not re-displayed when the project is opened next time. To re-display it, open the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display and click the [Redraw] button.

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11.4 Caution related to NC Trainer2 plus link

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Please keep in mind the following considerations related to the link between NC Trainer2 plus and NC Virtual Simulator.

- The [Analysis simulation] and [Analyze Difference] tabs cannot be selected during the NC Trainer2 plus link.
- The [Open]/[Save]/[Close] commands of the [File] tab cannot be used during the NC Trainer2 plus link. This means that the project cannot be saved as an NC Virtual Simulator project. In the second and subsequent links, the machining simulation result is not re-displayed.
- The [Start]/[Step]/[Reset]/[Block Skip]/[Ignore M01]/[Side-by-side]/[Select CAD]/[View CAD]/[Pinpoint Zoom] commands of the [Machining simulation] tab cannot be used during the NC Trainer2 plus link. The [Redraw] button of the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display cannot be used.
- The path and file name of the machining program in the memory and memory 2 of NC Trainer2 plus cannot be displayed.
- The machining program in the memory and memory 2 of NC Trainer2 plus is not displayed in the [Display program] sub-display.
- The execution time set in the [Machining time prediction setting] sub-display of NC Virtual Simulator is added to the predicted machining time displayed in [MachTime] of the [Display processing status] sub-display; however, it is not added to the machining time displayed on the NC Trainer2 plus screen.
- During the NC Trainer2 plus link, when the [Tool Settings] tab > [Read another proj.] command is clicked, only the linked projects are displayed in the "Read another proj." dialog. When the [Read NC data] command is clicked, the tool data of the linked NC trainer2 plus is read.
- During the NC Trainer2 plus link, when the [Read from another project] button in the [Machining time prediction setting] sub-display is clicked, only the linked projects are displayed in the "Read another proj." dialog.
- When the machining program is run by single block during the NC Trainer2 plus link, the simulation may not be able to be updated if the execution time of the commanded block is very short.
- During the NC Trainer2 plus link, the display update of the NC Trainer2 plus is prioritized. Depending on the load of the PC, the display update of program processing status, machine position counter, etc. may be delayed on NC Virtual Simulator.
- To link with NC Trainer2 plus, select [Use the virtual network] in [Tool] - [Network Settings of NC] of NC Trainer2 plus. When [Use IP address of this PC] is selected, the link is not enabled.
- During the NC Trainer2 plus link, when the tabs of NC Virtual Simulator are changed while cycle start is executed (including the stop status by single block stop or by feed hold stop), response of NC Virtual Simulator may be slow. The operation will be available after a while.
- During NC Trainer2 plus link and during cycle start, do not use the [Display program] sub-display of NC Virtual Simulator. If it is used, the simulation may not be completed.

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The following describes common problems related to NC Virtual Simulator and how to troubleshoot them.

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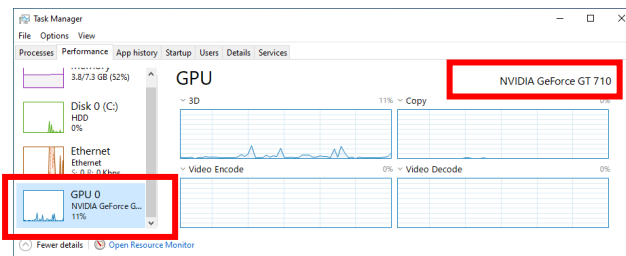
If the machine model is not displayed when you run machining simulation, try the following:

- (1) Open the xml file in the "machine" folder under the project folder (*1), and verify the file name of the geo tag (geo="○○○. stl").
 - (*1) The project folder is the "project name" folder under the project storage folder (default "C:\MELCNC\NCVS\Project").
- (2) Verify that all stl files checked in (1) are in the machine folder.
- (3) If any file is missing, contact the machine tool builder and obtain the machine model again.

12.2 Simulation takes time depending on PC

If the graphic board of the graphics processor (GPU) mounted on the PC is not correctly recognized, or if the version of the driver is old, simulation may take time. This may be improved by the following steps.

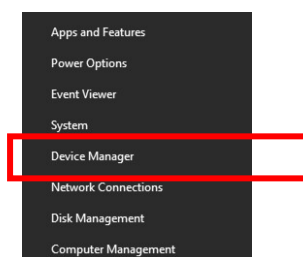
- (1) Press [Ctrl] + [Alt] + [Del] keys at the same time and click [Task Manager] to open Task Manager.
- (2) Select the [Performance] tab, and confirm that the graphic board type shown in [GPU] is the same as that of your PC.



- (3) If the graphic board type is not the same, or if [GPU] is not displayed in the Task Manager, obtain and install a driver from the GPU manufacturer's website.

If the graphic board type is the same, update the driver from Device Manager by the following steps.

- (a) Press the Windows key + [X] key, and select [Device Manger] in the advanced menu.

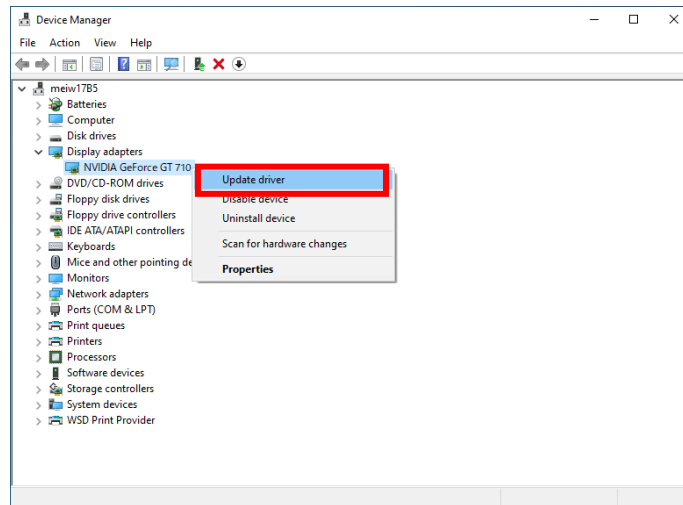


- (b) Click "Display adapters" to show devices. Select and right-click the device to update.

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(c) Click "Update driver".



(d) When "Search automatically for updated driver software" is selected on the "How do you want to search for drivers?" window, driver search starts. When the driver is found, follow the instructions to update.

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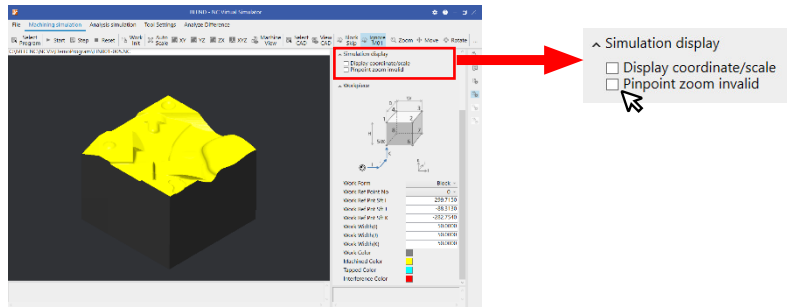
12.3 Memory usage reaches upper limit during simulation and simulation stops

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While simulation is run when the machining program is large and the machining takes time, the message "Simulation stopped because the memory usage reached the upper limit." may appear and the simulation may stop. In this case, try the following steps to complete the simulation.

■ Cancel Pinpoint Zoom

- (1) Check "Pinpoint zoom invalid" in the "Machining simulation settings" sub-display.



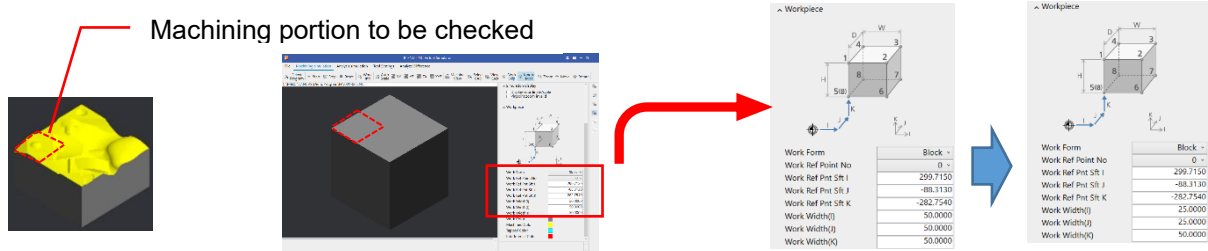
- (2) The dialog appears to confirm reloading after saving the project. Select [Yes].



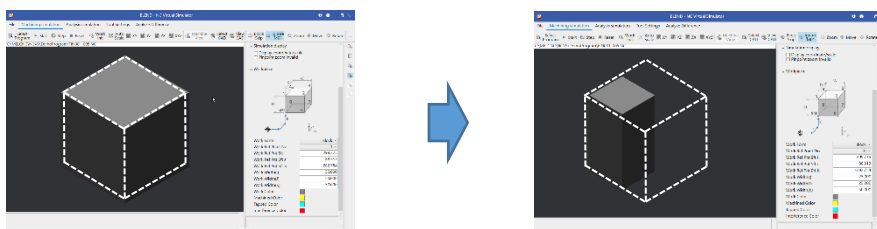
■ Change the workpiece size to limit the portion to check the shape

When the workpiece size is changed, the cutting range is limited, which reduces the memory usage.

- (1) Change [Work Ref Pnt Sft] (workpiece reference point shift) and [Work Width] in [Workpiece] of the "Machining simulation settings" sub-display.



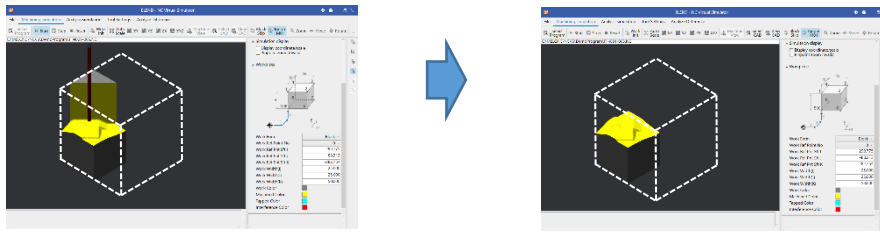
- (2) Click the [Work Init] command.



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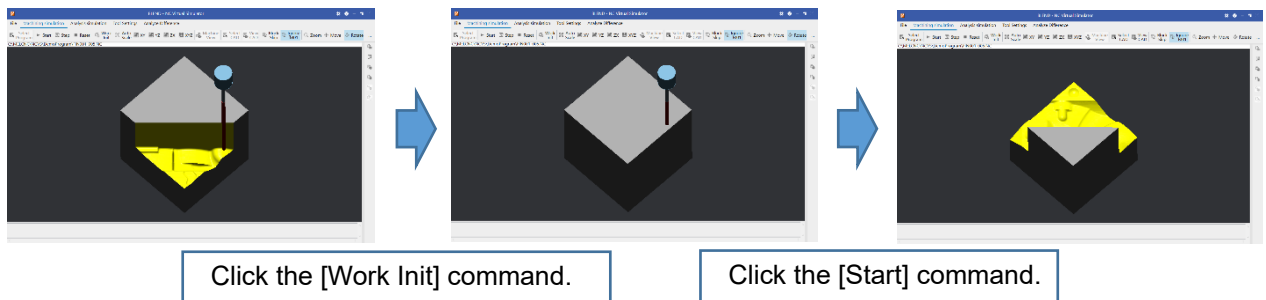
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- (3) Click the [Start] command to start simulation.



■ Initialize the workpiece during simulation

- (1) While machining simulation is run, click the [Start] command immediately before the portion to check the shape so that the simulation is paused.
- (2) Click the [Work Init] command, and then click the [Start] command to continue the simulation.



■ Divide the machining program to limit where simulation is run

Divide the machining program into processes and run the simulation for each process.

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12.4 Machining condition selection in [NC Data List] cannot be used

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Machining conditions in the [NC Data List] sub-display may not be able to be set.

- Even if a value other than "P0" is selected in [Machining cond] of [Tolerance ctrl], the value returns to "P0".
- If values are entered in the parameters "#1206 G1bF" to "#12070 Sfilt2_tol" of [Machining cond P1-Q1] to [Machining cond P3-Q3] and the [Enter] key is pressed, the sub-message "This value cannot be set." appears and the values cannot be set.

These occur for a project created from a machine tool where the machine condition selection is disabled.

Create a project after executing [Execute init.] on the machining condition setting screen of the machine tool.

12.5 Macro alarm message appears during simulation and simulation stops

If macro call of miscellaneous command (macro call of M, S, T, B codes) is performed while a machining program is running, "P422 macro alarm message" may appear and simulation may stop.

In this case, check [Disable macro call] of [Simulation priority] in the "Machining simulation settings" or "Analysis simulation settings" sub-display, and then run the machining program again.

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12.6 Application does not work correctly when Remote Desktop Connection is used

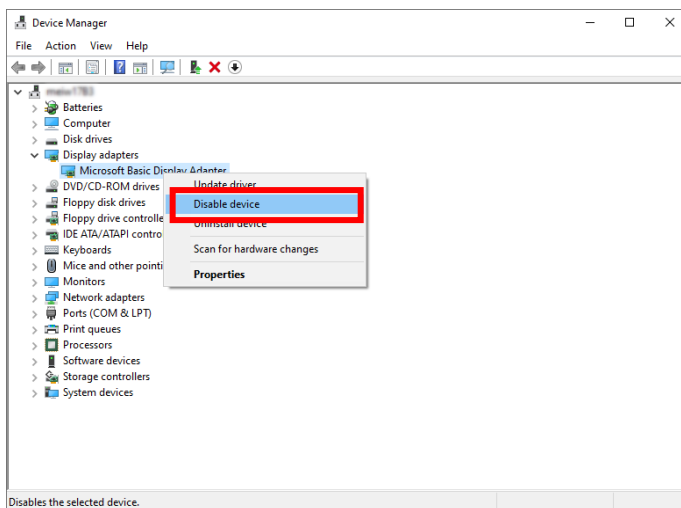
12.6 Application does not work correctly when Remote Desktop Connection is used

When NC Virtual Simulator is operated with Remote Desktop Connection, there are some cases where an application does not work correctly, for example, the application ends incorrectly, the view of machining simulation or analysis simulation is not updated, and so on. This is considered because the graphics driver of the graphics processor (GPU) mounted on the PC is old or the version of OpenGL supported by the graphics driver is 4.4 or earlier.

In this case, update the graphics driver of the graphics processor (GPU).

To update the graphics driver of the graphics processor (GPU), see "12.2 Simulation takes time depending on PC". To check the OpenGL version, you can use a commercially available free software.

If the problem is not solved by updating the graphics driver (the version of OpenGL cannot be updated to 4.5 or later), select [Disable device] in [Display adapters] of [Device Manager].



12.7 Saving or opening a project takes time depending on the project

When a project is saved or ended in NC Virtual Simulator, the last executed simulation result is saved so that the shape can be checked soon when the project is opened next time. Therefore, if a large machining program or a complicated shape machining program where a simulation takes a long time is simulated and the project is ended, it might take time to save the project, end the application and open the project.

To solve this problem, check the [Geometry saving invalid] checkbox of the [Machining simulation settings] sub-display.

By doing so, the last executed simulation result is not saved and re-displayed, and it takes less time to save the project, end the application and open the project.

13. Applicable NC version

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NC Virtual Simulator is applicable to the following CNC and versions.

| NC Virtual Simulator | M800V/M80V | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------|------|------|--------------|--------|-------|------|
| | Machining center system | | | | Lathe system | | | |
| | M800VW | M800VS | M80W | M80V | M800VW | M800VS | M80VW | M80V |
| A1 | A4 | A4 | - | A4 | - | - | - | - |
| A2 | | | | | | | | |

| NC Virtual Simulator | M800/M80 | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|------|-----|--------------|-------|------|-----|
| | Machining center system | | | | Lathe system | | | |
| | M800W | M800S | M80W | M80 | M800W | M800S | M80W | M80 |
| A1 | F8 | F8 | - | F8 | - | - | - | - |
| A2 | | | | | | | | |

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