

INFOMATE

Introduction

Welcome to the sixth issue of our newsletter. The newsletter is used to send product and information updates to our customers on a regular basis.

Season's Greetings



The staff of **MACHINE**MATE, INC wishes Happy Holidays to all of our customers, integrators, representatives and friends. Thank you for your interest, orders and support during our first full calendar year of operation. This has been a very successful year for **MACHINE**MATE because of you.

Trade Shows in 2002

MACHINEMATE, INC has reserved exhibitor booths at a number of trade shows in 2002. We hope to see you at one (or more) of these shows.

- ◆ WESTEC 2002 Advanced Productivity Exposition in Los Angeles, California (March 18-21) (at booth 311, Los Angeles Convention Center).
- ◆ EASTEC 2002 Advanced Productivity Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts (May 21-23) (at booth 5220, Eastern States Exposition Grounds).
- ◆ IMTS 2002 in Chicago, Illinois (September 4-11) (at booth D-4320, McCormick Place).



Added Functionality in New Software Releases

Several new requested features have been added to our CNC software. The significant standard features added in release 1.9 (December 2001) include:

- Ability to jog more than one axis simultaneously (from operator display or from PLC),
- Ability to move an interpolated axis from the PLC,
- Ability to set G92 axis offset(s) from Manual Mode,
- Additional turning cycles (G274 - G276).

MACHINEMATE, INC has developed two CNC options that are also available:

- Two axis collinear tracking feature (the two axes are typically Z and W on a mill),
- Alternate canned cycle programming format (using letters rather than cycle parameters).

Robust Hardware Design

Don't forget that the **MACHINEMATE** open architecture PC Based CNC products are CE certified and tested. Many applications, especially if you are selling products into Europe, require this added protection. There are competing products on the market that are not CE certified so they may limit your worldwide market.

Class Schedule for 2002

The 2002 class schedule is available on our web site. The classes will occur every even month. That was the initial class schedule in 2001 as well, but the level of interest resulted in a class being held every month during the summer of 2001.

New Products for 2002

In the last newsletter we mentioned the new eCNC product being introduced in January 2002. Later in 2002 we will be introducing two (2) additional web browser based CNC products. With a web browser MMI CNC you can implement remote diagnostic with or without an ISP account. The ease of designing MMI screens or changing existing screens will be much easier through the use of standard web page development tools. We plan to show these new products at the upcoming shows (mentioned above) as well in our future newsletters.

New Pricing – Conversational Synergy

New pricing for Conversational Synergy will be effective 1 February 2002. All packages will be priced at \$500 each. This includes all **MACHINEMATE** models with either turning or milling applications. Existing prices are effective for orders placed through 31 January 2002.

CAM Posts for a MachineMate NC Program

Cadem, DP Technology (Esprit), Gibbs and Associates, IMCS (PartMaker) and Weber Systems (Synergy) have post configurations for the **MACHINEMATE** NC statement formats. If you have one of these CAM packages or a different CAM package, **MACHINEMATE** INC will try to help you and/or the CAM vendor with the NC post configuration for our control. Our web site maintains a list of those CAM packages with a **MACHINEMATE** post configuration that we are aware of.

Conclusion

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Our web site www.machinemate.com has lots of information about our products and applications; a link can be provided to our customers for the complete manual set. A number of **MACHINEMATE** control retrofit articles are now available. Please periodically check the site for news.

Thank you,

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