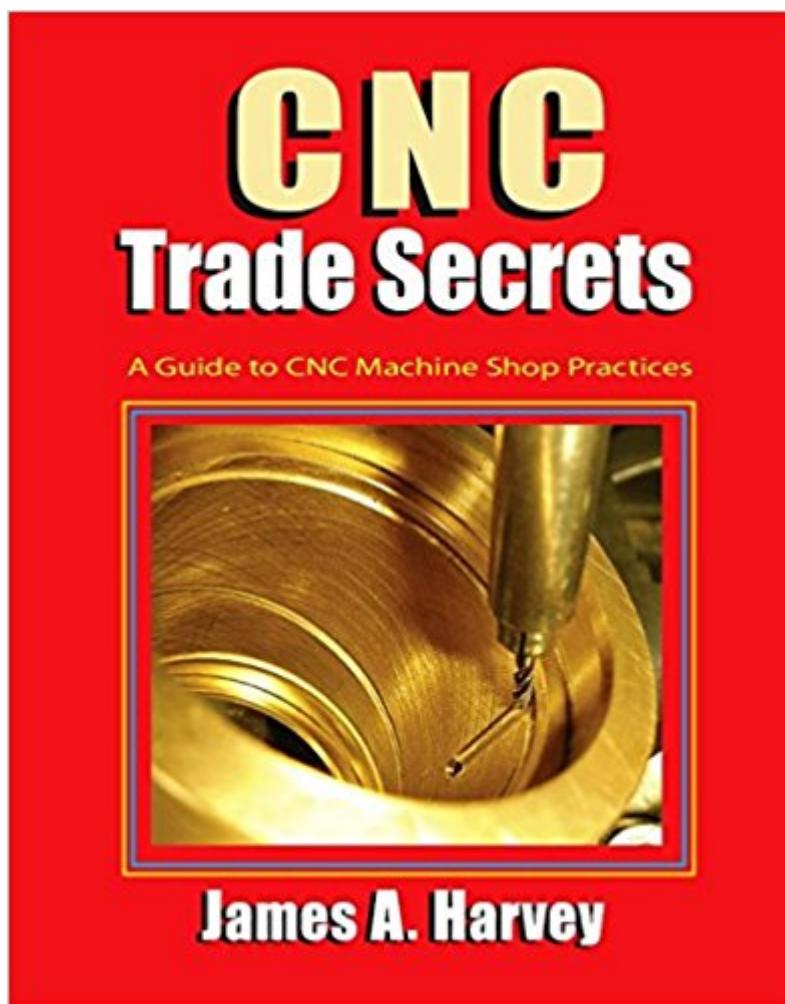


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# CNC Trade Secrets: A Guide To CNC Machine Shop Practices



## Synopsis

OverviewCNC Trade Secrets® is from the author of the bestselling and universally praisedMachine Shop Trade Secrets.® This new manual does for CNC machining what the first book did for conventional machining. With this guide to proven CNC machine shop practices, you will be producing machine parts faster, with fewer errors, and with less labor. You'll discover that you don't have to know everything there is to know to make parts on CNC machines - just as, for example, you don't have to know everything about Microsoft Word to write a letter. Whether you are a shop owner, machinist, designer, or hobbyist, you will find yourself referring to this manual again and again. Â Â

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## Customer Reviews

James Harvey® is a full-time machinist and plastic mold maker. He has made his living working in shops across the U.S. for nearly 40 years. His no-nonsense approach to listing machining rules-of-thumb is an unprecedented, effective way to share this valuable knowledge.

A typo in the first sentence put me on guard, but the rest of the book was excellent. It delivers on its promise of lots of succinct tips. The pictures may not always be necessary, but I'm the kind of reader that appreciates having something relevant to look at while the information slowly sinks through my thick skull. If I were to make a change for the 2nd edition, I'd drop the CAM section and

focus more on manual gcode. I'd really love to see how the offsets are setup to maintain appropriate contact with the radius of the hog nose mill while contouring. Or have both sections, but the CAM field is quite diverse these days, and unfortunately CAMWorks is the 7th most popular CAM package in the last survey I've seen. HSMWorks might be a better bet since it's easy to get an academic version of, and it was #2 in that survey. I'm nitpicking though. I wish there were more of these books. These are the kind of tips folks might get in big shops, but I miss out on because I'm essentially a one man shop. This really helps me fill in the gaps.

I've been working in a small job shop for about 6 months now...such a vast field with countless ways to do a job, it's nice to get another point of view on how to do a few basic machining operations from an experienced machinist. Overall a good purchase for any beginner machinist!

Book has a decent mix of tips and tricks, but unfortunately not a lot of info that a more experienced tech wouldn't already know. I'd recommend it for anyone getting started with CNC, not so much for the well-experienced.

This would be a good read for someone who had recently been hired at a CNC shop. It includes many very familiar problems that arise and offers good advise on how to deal with them. I also like the short tutorial on computer modeling, and there are plenty of good quality illustrations. The whole book is well organized. I was really looking for more technical information. It would be nice to find a book like this with something about the dark arts of feeds and speeds and different types of steel and tools and inserts. This book, like most others, shys away from anything not cut and dried. If there were a few less glossy photos and a few more pages I think there would be room for some reference topics which would make it more valuable over time.

Awesome book with some good ideas

This has helped me at work.

excellent refresher book for those who have been away from CNC for a long time

Very good book for the beginner or someone with only specialized experience.

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