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Installation and Operating Instructions

Centering Clamping Fixture 120 - 22424
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General matters
1.1 Use of the installation and operating instructions

Dear customer,

Many thanks for deciding to purchase our products. These installation and operating instructions contain useful information allowing you to familiarize yourself with your clamping system before starting to use it for its intended purpose under the specified operating conditions. They contain important instructions to ensure functionally correct and cost-effective installation and operation.

The operating instructions have been created for use by installation, operating and maintenance staff, and must always be kept to hand at the place of use of the clamping system.

You have chosen a high-quality clamping system which operates at extremely high precision.

In the interests of product improvement we reserve the right to make changes in respect of versions, dimensions and materials.

Of course, we remain available to you at all times for after-sales service.

Please contact us using the information set out below.

1.2 Customer Service contact information

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1.3 Warranty

The warranty is 12 months from the date of delivery from the works, provided the system is used for its intended purpose in 1-shift operation.

These operating instructions supersede any previous versions. The current version of operating instructions is available for download at www.zeroclamp.com

1.4 Scope of supply

The scope of supply includes:

- Main body centering clamping fixture (1x)
- Stop bars (2x) + corresponding Torx screws M3x6 TX (2x each)
- Clamping bracket (2x)
- Socket E12 (1x)
1.5 Installation declaration

The manufacturer: ZeroClamp GmbH
Wadlhausen 14
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hereby declares that the following products:
Product designation: Centering clamping fixture
Type designation: 22424
Build year: 2014

comply with the following essential requirements of the Machines Directive (2006/42/EC):

The following standards were applied:

DIN EN ISO 12100 Safety of machinery - General principles for design, risk assessment and risk reduction
ISO 16156 Safety Machine tools safety – Safety requirements for the design and construction of work holding chucks
ISO 19719 Machine tools — Work holding chucks — Vocabulary

The incomplete machine may not be brought into use until it has been incorporated into a machine and the machine into which it has been incorporated satisfies the provisions of the Machines Directive (2006/42/EC).
The manufacturer undertakes on request to communicate by electronic means the special documents relating to the incomplete machine.
The special technical documents relating to the machine were created in accordance with Appendix VII Part B.
Name of the authorized person for documentation: Klaus Hofmann
Address of the authorized person for documentation: see manufacturer's address

Icking,
May 2, 2014 Klaus Hofmann, Managing Director
Date Signatory and details of signatory Signature
2. Safety

2.1 General safety instructions

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**Warning! When using the centering clamping fixture on NP90**

Accidental actuation of the subsidiary zero point clamping system might lead to unintentional releasing of the clamping assembly.

Disconnect the zero point clamping system from the compressed air supply before you undertake installation, adjustment, maintenance or set-up work.

During operation, secure the subsidiary zero point clamping system against unintentional releasing by using suitable safety devices for the compressed air supply.

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**Warning!**

Clamping systems made up of multiple centering clamping fixtures arranged in a row can be extremely heavy.

When you build your own clamping assemblies, make sure that they can be fastened in a suitable way in order to be lifted with handling devices or cranes.

Give particular attention to this point if the clamping systems weigh 20 kg and more.

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**2.2 Use for the intended purpose**

The clamping system must only be used for clamping workpieces.

Use for the intended purpose includes compliance with the conditions specified by the manufacturer in respect of installation, commissioning, operation, ambient conditions and maintenance.

Any use that is not within these conditions ranks as improper use. The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for damage resulting from improper use.

Before using the clamping system in an environment with abrasive dusts, caustic or aggressive vapors or liquids, you must obtain approval by ZeroClamp®.

**2.3 Period of use of the subsidiary zero point clamping system**

The zero point clamping system mechanism is designed for a maximum life span of 1,000,000 clamping cycles.
2.4 Structural modifications

For reasons of safety, unauthorized changes and modifications of the centering clamping fixture are prohibited. When exchanging defective parts, use only original parts or standard parts that are approved by the manufacturer.

2.5 Training the operators

The operators must have received instruction on the following topics:

- Functionality and operation of the centering clamping fixture
- Servicing and cleaning work

All persons responsible for the installation, commissioning and maintenance of the tester must have read and understood the complete operating instructions, especially Section 2 “Safety”. We recommend that the operating company obtains signatures to this effect.

Installation, removal, connection and commissioning may be performed only by authorized personnel. Do not use operating techniques which adversely affect the functionality and operational safety of the clamping system.

2.6 Operational environment

The centering clamping fixture is not suitable for the following operational environments:

- Abrasive dusts,
- Caustic or aggressive liquids and vapors.
3. Overview

3.1 View

The centering clamping fixture is a complete clamping system, similar to a vise. As the name suggests, it always clamps workpieces concentrically to their center bore with a 18 mm diameter. It can be used on the modular clamping rail system SL 120 (in delivery state) or optionally also on the zero point clamping pot Ø 120 or 138 using the indexing of the ZP system to ensure that the system is aligned. (for this use of the system, a separate clamping stud (Order No.: 23652/ 23655) must be purchased.) The clamping device is made from Toolox 33 tool steel and has an edge-hardened surface (briefly gas nitrified and oxidized). Top jaws, available as accessories, can be mounted on the base jaws in different positions. The actuation of the jaws takes place via a central spindle fitted with an external torx TX 12. The spindle is sealed against dirt and cooling water ingress with O-rings.

3.2 System accuracy

The overall system achieves a repeat accuracy of ± 0.02 mm based on basis A (fitting hole diameter 18 mm). This applies for the possible positionings on the clamping rail, as well as the possible positioning on the clamping pot Ø 120 or 138 with indexing.

For system-related reasons, the clamped workpiece rises. This rising takes place linear to the applied torque on the spindle and the resulting clamping force and moves reproducibly within 0.02mm.
3.3 Spindle torque and resulting clamping force

A max. torque of 60 Nm can be applied on the spindle. This results in a minimum clamping force of 25.5 kN on the jaws. However, the clamping force might also be greater, depending on tolerances and friction within the system. The force progression is linear to the applied torque. A TX socket inside, size E12, is required for this.

3.4 Adjusting the jaws to the center D14 (Basis A)

During operation it might become necessary to readjust the clamping device, or to reduce the play further. The position of the jaws can be adjusted precisely in relation to the center A. The clamping device is adjusted correctly at the factory prior to delivery. It is advisable to do this on a clamping rail or, optionally, on the clamping pot 120 or 138. A scanning arm with dial indicator with a suitable resolution is required for this. Allen keys in sizes SW 4 and SW 2.5 are also required for this.

First of all, the hexagon socket screws on the bottom of the clamping device must be loosened slightly to enable the actuating spindle and the base jaws to move freely. To determine the eccentricity value, scan the jaw in the center with clamped gage block using a measuring probe, then turn 180° and repeat the measurement process. The necessary correction can then be determined. The clamping jaw must be fixed crosswise on the clamping rail for this.
The spindle mechanism, including the base jaws, can then be moved in the desired correction direction via threaded adjusting pins. A hexagon wrench in size 2.5 is required for this. (see photo) The threaded adjusting pins are on the left and right below the threaded spindle on both sides of the spindle. Once the correction is complete and has been checked with the measuring probe, tighten the threaded pins slightly so that the spindle works with the smallest possible play. It must still be possible to rotate the spindle easily, however, and the spindle must not be clamped. If the adjustment is correct, the clamping device can be removed again and the loosened screws on the bottom must be tightened again securely. Once this is complete, the adjustment must be checked again with the measuring probe. If deviations are still identified, the adjustment process must be repeated. Lubricating beforehand makes the adjustment process easier.

3.5 Tools required

- Allen key SW 4 (for fixing the clamping bracket)
- Allen key SW 2.5 (for setting the center)
- Allen key SW 6 (for fitting the studs)
- Grease gun (for weekly lubrication)
- Torx screwdriver TX10 (for adjusting the stopper plates)
- Torx screwdriver TX15 (for fixing the optional top jaws)
- TX socket inside, size E12
4. Ways of operation

4.1 Operation on a modular clamping rail SL 120

Jaw alignment in delivery state

The clamping device is delivered in this configuration, the clamping rail is not included in the scope of supply!

If required for operation, the clamping device can also be rotated by 90° to the rail toothing. For this, the clamps and the stop bars must be mounted rotated 90° in relation to the basic setting. The clamping brackets can be pushed out by hand and are only secured in the groove with ball bearings. Then release the stop bars by removing the Torx screws and mount them again on the sides at 90°. Push in the clamping brackets again until the ball bearings are engaged. The clamping device can now be placed on the clamping rail again. To guarantee secure fixing, both screws (SW 4) of each clamping bracket must be tightened with 10 Nm each.

A Torx screwdriver size TX10 is required for this.

4.2 Operation on clamping pot Ø 120 or 138 with indexing

The centering clamping fixture can also be operated on the clamping pot Ø 120 or 138 with indexing. The indexing is required to prevent the clamping device from rotating during operation and to enable the clamping device to be operated in the
correct position in relation to the machine axes. Operation on a standard pot is not permitted, as the friction forces are not sufficient to reliably prevent rotation! The clamping brackets and the stop bars must be completely dismantled for this. The threaded pin M12 in the center must also be unscrewed and replaced with a special clamping stud with Order No.: 22190. **Caution:** The clamping stud is **not** included in the scope of supply and must be purchased separately!

**Required tool:**
- Screwdriver Torx TX10
- Allen key SW 6

The tensioning device has a contact area, which then lies flush on the pot, the toothing is outside the clamping pot and no longer has a function.

The clamping device can be rotated 90° on the pot in 4 positions. The centering sheet must be mounted.
5. Available accessories

5.1 Centering sheet

Order no. 24973
Incl. 4 countersunk screws

5.2 Optional clamping stud

18k6/M12 Order no.: 23652 18k6/M12 Order no.23655
For pot Ø 120 mm for pot Ø 138 mm
This is essential for operation on a clamping pot Ø 120 or 138 and can not be replaced with a standard stud! Thread M12 is only 10 mm in length!
The maximum tightening torque for both clamping studs is 45 Nm each.

5.3 Top jaws

The jaw stroke of the centering clamping fixture 120 is 28 mm.

The clamping device can be fitted with a number of top jaws, which can be inserted into the base jaws in many different positions. All jaws are secured with the same standard Torx screw TX15 - M4x8.
The required tool is a Torx screwdriver size TX15.
Pictures shows centering clamping fixture 80
Many top jaw types can also be used in reverse, which further increases the variability.
Always observe the permissible clamping direction:

(hollow center clamping is not permitted)

Correct clamping surfaces for workpieces:
5.3.1 **Gripper top jaws**

All grip jaws are hardened on the teeth with $60 \pm 2$ HRC

Gripper top jaw set 108
Article no. 22427

![Gripper top jaw set 108](image)

Gripper top jaw set 133
Article no. 22589

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Gripper top jaw set 158
Article no. 22591

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5.3.2 Carbide top jaws

Gripper top jaw set 108
Article no. 22593

Gripper top jaw set 133
Article no. 22595
Available accessories

Gripper top jaw set 158
Article no. 22598

Gripper top jaw set 183
Article no. 22603

5.3.3 Soft top jaws

Soft top jaw set 150
Article no. 22604
6. Spare parts

The use of spare and wearing parts from third-party manufacturers can lead to hazards. Use only original parts that are either from the manufacturer or approved by him.

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Spare parts can be changed by the user.

7. Spare parts requiring repair at factory

All other parts in the assembly parts list are defined as spare parts. However, changing these parts requires a damage assessment followed by a factory repair at ZeroClamp GmbH. Such repairs require special tools and factory know-how.
### 8. Installation

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9. Maintenance operations

The clamping device is very easy to maintain. Only once a week, lightly grease the internal mechanism. For this purpose, there are lateral grease nipples. Grease with a grease gun and HPL-15 (see 9.2). 2 or 3 strokes are sufficient. Wipe off excessive or escaping grease with a cloth. Then actuate the clamping mechanism several times.

9.1 Extracting liquids

For extracting liquids, you can use commercially available extraction devices.

9.2 Cleaning and care

Approved cleaning and care agents:

- WD 40
- Ballistol
- Hebro Multiplus

Lubricating paste to be used:

- ZERO CLAMP HPL-15 (Order No.: 27779) incl. tip
  - Refill cartridge (Order No.: 27212)

Prohibited cleaning and care agents:

- Acids
- Lyes
- aggressive media
- not approved cleaning and care agents
9.3 Storage

Before storage, the manufacturer recommends to clean the clamping device thoroughly, and to oil or grease all surfaces and the clamping mechanism.

10. Residual risks

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11. Concluding remarks

The product is subject to continuous further development, and ZeroClamp GmbH reserves the right to make technical changes. Wherever possible, these will be compatible with previous versions. The portfolio of accessories is also being constantly expanded and complemented.

**General instruction**

When using the centering clamping fixture on NP90, observe in addition all safety instructions and other instructions regarding NP90. The installation and operating instructions of the subsidiary zero point clamping system are available for download. www.zeroclamp.com
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