

INFOMATE

Introduction

This is the fourth issue of our newsletter. This newsletter will be used to send product and information updates to our customers on a regular basis.

New Products

Teach Panel

To complement the MTBP and the operator handheld station products, **MACHINEMATE** INC also offers a more sophisticated Teach Panel. The Teach Panel connects to the control over the **MACHINEMATE**'s second serial port (COM2). The Teach Panel offers the convenience of most of the CNC functionality in a hand held unit that can be carried to the work piece. Included is the LCD display (almost 3" x 5"), the five CNC operation mode keys, the F1-F8 soft keys and a complete alphanumeric keypad, as well as the emergency stop push button, a feedrate override potentiometer and the teach panel enable buttons. Since this panel is often used to teach and edit part programs directly on the machine, a number of other buttons are provided to facilitate the teaching process, including several for axis movements and part program edits. The 3.3lb panel (9.45" x 12.65" x 3.54") comes with a mounting bracket and a 15m cable to assist its operation far from the control.



The Teach Panel option includes both hardware and software. The option includes a version of the CNC software that supports the capabilities and features of this panel. The complete price for this option for the **MACHINEMATE** CNC is \$2330.

Upcoming Trade Shows

Rochester Tooling & Machining Show

MACHINEMATE INC has been invited to exhibit at the Ross Technologies booth at the Rochester Tooling & Machining Show, held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, in Rochester, New York, September 25 to 27. We will be showing the new 4ENC4A module (4 encoder inputs/4 analog outputs/4 analog inputs) as part of the **MACHINEMATE** Modular IO family. This module allows the axis interface connections to be made far from the CNC, up to 115 feet (35 meters), because the drives are connected to this IO module rather than to the control.



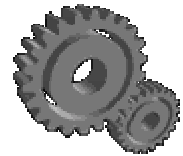
EMO

MACHINEMATE INC will be present at the Power Automation booth at the upcoming EMO 2001 in Hanover, Germany, September 12 to 19. The large PA booth (7m by 18m) is C16 in Hall 15. According to the fair information, EMO “is the leading trade fair of the metalworking industry world-wide. Here, 90% of the international supply for the production technology and automation is offered.” The announcements made at the EMO will be described in a future newsletter. For anyone planning to go to EMO, we still have a number of ‘Kombi Tickets’ available.



Wisconsin Manufacturing & Machine Tool Expo 2001

MACHINEMATE INC will have a booth at the upcoming Wisconsin Manufacturing & Machine Tool Expo 2001 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2 to 4, at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. Our booth is 133 in the Family Living Center building. The booth is adjacent to that of our CAD/CAM software partner, Weber Systems, the supplier of the Conversational Synergy product for **MACHINE**MATE.



Training Classes

We have had a marked increase in interest for our training classes. We added extra schools in both July and September to accommodate that interest. The current schedule is always available online from our web site (www.machinemate.com). The remaining classes in the 2001 schedule:

- September 17 to 21
- October 15 to 19
- December 10 to 14



If you are interested in attending one of these classes (that are currently scheduled every other month throughout the year), please contact us. We strongly suggest a reservation in advance, since they must be handled (to be fair) according to: first come – first served.

Value Added Customers

MACHINEMATE INC continues to find associates interested in being ‘Value Added Customers’ for our products. In addition to the partners across the US, we have also signed partners in both Canada and Mexico. Our web site will be updated soon to include a list of the **MACHINE**MATE VAC’s with their contact information. If you are interested in becoming a VAC, please contact **MACHINE**MATE INC.

Conclusion

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