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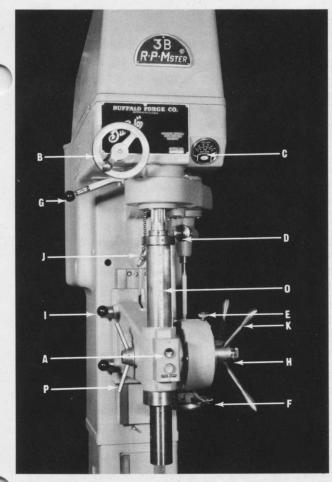
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All Controls, Gages and Indicators are conveniently located within the operators reach in his normal working position.

- A Motor Start-Stop push button station
- B Speed Change Hand Wheel
- C Electric Speed Tachometer with Direct Drive Range and Back Gear Range
- D Rate of Feed Selector and Indicator
- E Depth Stop Selector and Indicator
- F Fine Feed Hand Wheel
- G Back Gear Shift Lever (One Motion Completely Engages or Disengages All Back Gears and Direct Drive Clutch)
- H Engaging Latch for Sensitive Hand Feed Drilling
- I Sliding Head Clamping Levers
- J Spindle Return Counter Balance Bar
- K Combination Sensitive Feed Handles and Power Feed Engaging Levers
- L Coolant Shut-Off Valve
- M Table Clamp Lever (See #18 next page)
- N Table Raising Crank (See #18 next page)
- O Graduated Spindle Feed Sleeve
- P Left Hand Feed Handle

OVERLEAF FOR COMPLETE DESIGN FEATURES

DESIGN FEATURES:

- 1. VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE combines a set of adjustable cone sheaves and timing belt pulleys to deliver greater spindle torques at infinitely variable speeds. Rotating components are mounted in "sealed for life" ball bearings. Adjustment is made by a hand wheel while machine is running.
- 2. ELECTRIC TACHOMETER easy-to-read dial indicates spindle RPM at a glance, in direct drive or with back gears engaged.
- BACK GEARS forged alloy steel mounted in ball bearings, grease-lubricated and enclosed in a grease tight housing. The engagement is through an eccentric actuated by a shifting lever with the machine stopped. A single motion of the lever engages or disengages the direct drive clutch and puts the back gears in or out of mesh simultaneously. When in direct drive, no back gears are in mesh. Spindle speeds are 180 to 2,000 RPM in direct drive and 30 to 330 with the back gears engaged.
- 4. POWER FEED a rugged all-geared positive drive is protected with a shear pin in case of overloads. The upper portion contains the feed change gears which have hardened tool steel inserts to engage an adjustable sliding key. The lower portion contains a steel worm mounted in ball and thrust bearings meshing with a bronze gear. Gears and pinions are of alloy steel, heattreated and have hobbed helical teeth. The gearing is completely enclosed, oil and dust tight. Grease seals prevent leakage.
- 5. POWER FEED SELECTOR A turn of the knob selects one of four feeds, .006"-.010"-.014"-.018" per revolution which can be changed while the machine is running at low speed.
- 6. FEED HANDLE advances spindle to the work and automatically engages the power feed. The reverse motion of the feed handle will disengage the power feed prior to the depth stop knock-out.
- 7. LEFT HAND FEED HANDLE to engage power feed before drill enters the work if desired.
- 8. FINE FEED HAND WHEEL mounted on the lower end of the feed shaft worm is actuated by turning power feed selector control knob to neutral, advancing tool to the work and engaging the power feed clutch.
- 9. DEPTH STOP quickly set for automatic disengaging of power feed and spindle return when drill reaches a pre-determined depth. Also serves as a positive depth stop for sensitive hand feed drilling.
- RIGHT HUB PIN locks out the power feed for sensitive hand feed drilling.
- 11. COUNTER-BALANCE BAR regulates the spindle return, compensating for the weight of various chucks or tools.

- 12. MOTOR CONTROL a magnetic, non-reversing, full voltage starter with separate push button station is standard equipment.
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- 14. SPINDLE SLEEVE (QUILL) has 7" of bearing length in the sliding head. The sleeve is of alloy steel with rack teeth cut integrally, thereby eliminating the conventional large and clumsy combination key and rack. The key is separate and prevents lateral motion of the spindle sleeve. Spindle bearings are mounted in oversized cages at the ends of the feed sleeve.
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- 21. COLUMN steel accurately ground to 10.625" diameter, .625" wall thickness.
- 22. COLUMN ADAPTORS compression type attach the column to the head and base.
- TABLE fitted with 4 T-slots and 4 through-slots spaced at 45 degree intervals. The table rotates 360° and is locked to the table fork by a clamping screw.
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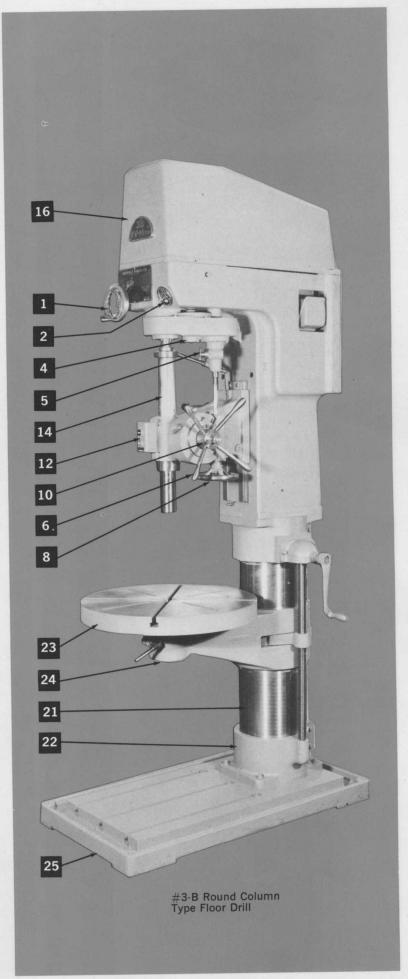
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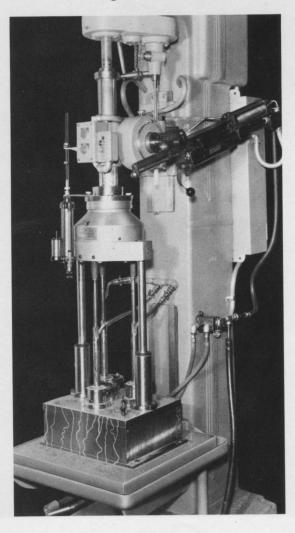


MODIFICATIONS AND ACCESSORIES

This is one of the many set-ups for produc-

tion drilling with a RPMster.

An air feed cylinder rapidly brings the multiple spindle drilling head to the work piece. A hydraulic checking mechanism prevents the tooling from striking the work and engages the power feed for a greater drilling force through the work. It also retards the advance of the head once the drills have broken through the work piece, disengages the power feed and re-engages the air feed to retract the drilling head from the fixture.



TAPPING DEVICES

Three types are available: 1. Friction type tapping attachment. 2. Motor reverse tapping manually controlled by a forward reverse selector switch or push button. 3. Motor reverse tapping automatically actuated by the feed handle.

Taps under 3/8" are best tapped with a friction attachment. For occasional tapping, manual reversing control and standard duty,

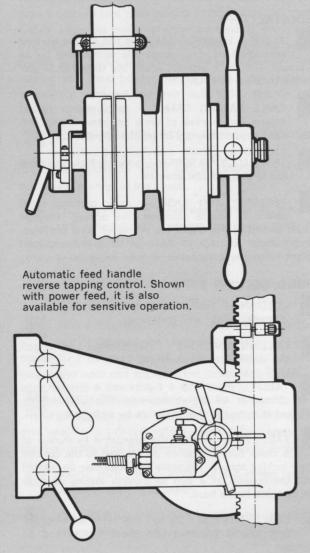
3 phase motors are satisfactory.

For production tapping, automatic feed handle reversing controls and a high torque, high slip, reversing motors are recom-

mended.

The automatic feed handle reverse tapping mechanism is illustrated below. When tapping with this automatic control, the power feed is first locked into a neutral position. The selector switch is set on "tap" and the knock-out finger adjusted to reverse the motor when the tap reaches the desired depth. The tap may be backed out at any time to clear the chips by lifting the extension lever to the micro-switch.

Tapping capacity of the #3B RPMster in mild steel is $1\frac{1}{2}$ " max. with 5 H.P. and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " with $7\frac{1}{2}$ H.P.



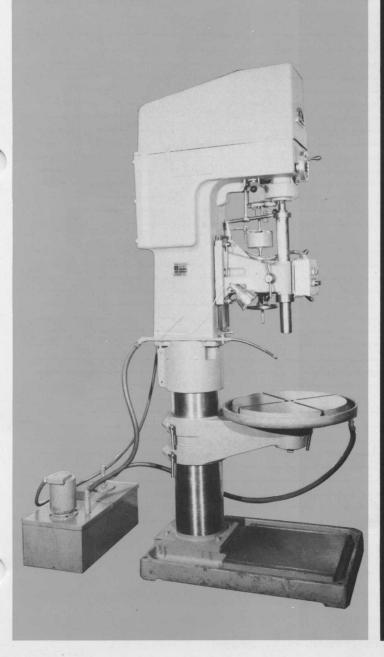
COOLANT SYSTEMS

Coolant systems for RPMster drills, round column or pedestal type, single or multiple spindle are essentially the same, comprised of the following:

Floor mounted pump and tank unit with nonclogging centrifugal pump 20 GPM @ 5 PSIG direct connected to 1/4 HP 1750 RPM motor, 16 gal. capacity tank with covers, sludge compartment and removable 800 cu. in. chip basket.

Set of flexible nozzles with full flow regulating cock, pipe header on multiple spindle drills, connecting hoses and pipe fittings. Pushbutton type manual starter with overload protection.

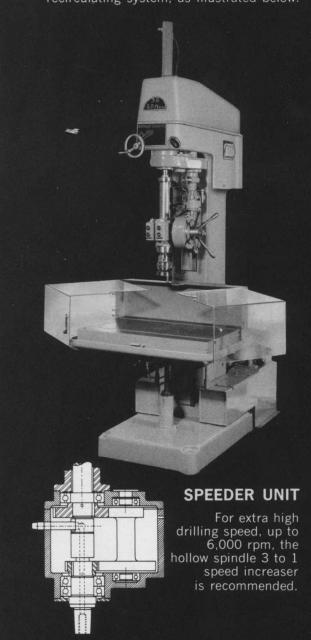
231/2" diameter oil trough table in place of standard table for round column drills.

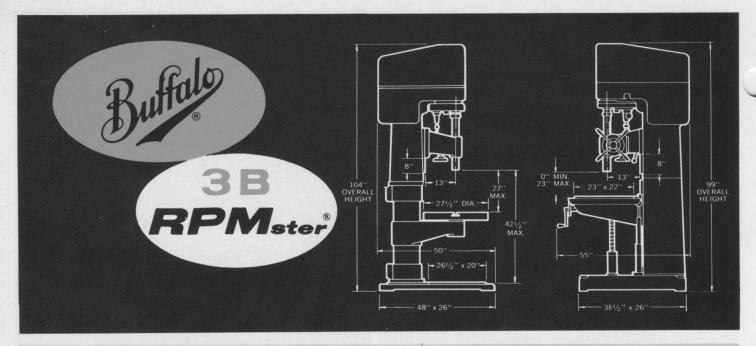


HOLLOW SPINDLE DRILLING MACHINES

Pyrex, ceramics, carbides, marble, etc. are drilled with Hollow Diamond Core bits cooled with tap water at normal city pressure. Hollow Spindles with $1^{\prime\prime}-14$ TPI threaded nose, roto-coupling, pressure gauge and valve, splash guard and increased spindle speeds modify the RPMster for this application.

Super-hard exotic metals such as Titanium Hastaloy, Stellite, Rene 41, Beryllium Bronze, etc. are drilled with hollow bits having a high pressure coolant at the tip to flush out chips. Modifications to the RPMster include hollow spindle with 5 JT nose, collet type chuck roto coupling, splash guard, increased spindle speeds and high pressure coolant pump with filter and recirculating system, as illustrated below.





SPECIFICATIONS AND CAPACITIES		3B		
Motor Horsepower		3	5 71/2	
Capacity in mild steel	Maximum	11/2"	2" 21/2 A	
Distance, Center of spindle to colur	nn		13"	
Speed Range, infinitely variable		30-2000 RPM		
Back gear Ratio		5.5 to 1		
Power feeds, inches per revolution		.006010014018		
Additional feeds with 4:1 reducer B		.0015002500350045		
Spindle	Morse Taper	4 C	5 5	
	Diameter	1%6"		
	Torque — ft. lbs. — max.	875		
	Nose diameter	3"		
	Sleeve diameter	23/4"		
	Travel	8"		
Sliding head travel		8"		
		Pedestal	Round Column	
Distance — Spindle nose to table		0 to 23"	0 to 27"	
Distance — Spindle nose to base			26 ½ to 42 ½	
Working surface of table — std.		23 x 22	27 1/2 dia.	
	Over size B	23 x 34		
	Oil trough B		231/2 dia.	
Working surface of base			26½ x 20″	
Table travel		18"	18"	
Column		101/4 x 15 x 1/2	10 5/8 dia. x 5/8	
Dimensions	- Height	99"	104"	
	— Width	26"	26"	
	- Depth	55"	50"	
Shipping Weight — lbs.		2300	2500	
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	2 Spindle		23 x 46	
Working surface of table	3 Spindle	23 x 58		
	4 Spindle	23 x 77		
	6 Spindle	23 x 115		
Center distance of Spindle	2 Spindle	20		
	3 & 4 Spindle	19		
	6 Spindle	191/4		
Shipping Weight	2 Spindle	4400		
	3 Spindle	6100		
	4 Spindle	8400		
	6 Spindle	12600		

Notes: A Continuous rating @ 100 RPM drill speed and 0.14" per revolution feed with 7½ hp.
C Std. spindle furnished with #4 M.T. sleeve.

B Optional at extra cost

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