

09 PROGRAMMING

09.1 POSITIONS MEMORY:

Complete the preliminary steps of:

- 1) Enabling/disabling of slides, rotary quill and wire rotation
- 2) Automatic Cutter [F4]
- 3) Slide speeds
- 4) Wire speeds
- 5) System reset

Programming in SPRING consists of defining a sequence of movements and the proper speed for each movement. One crucial function for this programming process is the RPG Control. Press the "B" key on the keyboard to access the RPG Control. Only one axis can be selected at one time. The axis that is labeled in white and blinking is the selected axis for changes.

The screenshot shows the 'RPG CONTROL [B]' screen in the WINSTON MACHINERY software. At the top, there are menu options: [F1]-> MAIN, MODE, FILE, SYSTEM, HELP, and the company name WINSTON MACHINERY. Below the menu is a toolbar with buttons for SAFE POS [F3], WIRE CUT [F4], RUN TO [F6], STOP [F6], RUN TOP [F7], RUN LINE [F8], RUN TO BRK [F9], and RUNNING SPEED [PAD +/-] OR [O/P]: 6%. The main display area is divided into two sections. On the left is the 'RPG CONTROL [B]' panel, which features a circular diagram of the machine's axes (AC11, BC21, HC81, FEED191, GC71, FC61, EC51, DC41, CC31, RC01, XC01) and a central 'FEED' display showing 'FEED = 0.00'. Below the diagram are buttons for AIR1[C], AIR2[X], AIR3[C], and a 'HINT: CLEAR FEED [V]' message. On the right is a table for defining positions. The table has columns for position number, axis, and value. The first row (0) shows AC11 = 0.00. The second row (1) shows BC21 = 0.00. The third row (2) shows AC11 = 0.00 and BC21 = 0.00. The bottom status bar shows: [OS]: NOT RESET, [FILE]: SAVED, [POWER]: SERVO ON, [MODE]: EDITING, [TIME]: 03/16 10:23:28, [PIN]: T1=1 2=1 3=1.

| [F2]-> POSITION | BLADE | DEFAULT | SET [+/-] | SPEED_CHANGE |
|-----------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 0 | | | AC11 = 0.00 | |
| 1 | | | BC21 = 0.00 | |
| 2 | | | AC11 = 0.00 BC21 = 0.00 | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |

The selected axis can be moved by turning the RPG. Turning the RPG clockwise will correspond to a forward movement and turning it counterclockwise will correspond to a backward movement. Press "<" and ">" keys on they keyboard can be used to increase or decrease the sensitivity of the axis. The movement of the axis can be incrementally changed between 0.01 mm, 0.50 mm, 1.00 mm, 2.00 mm and 4.00 mm.

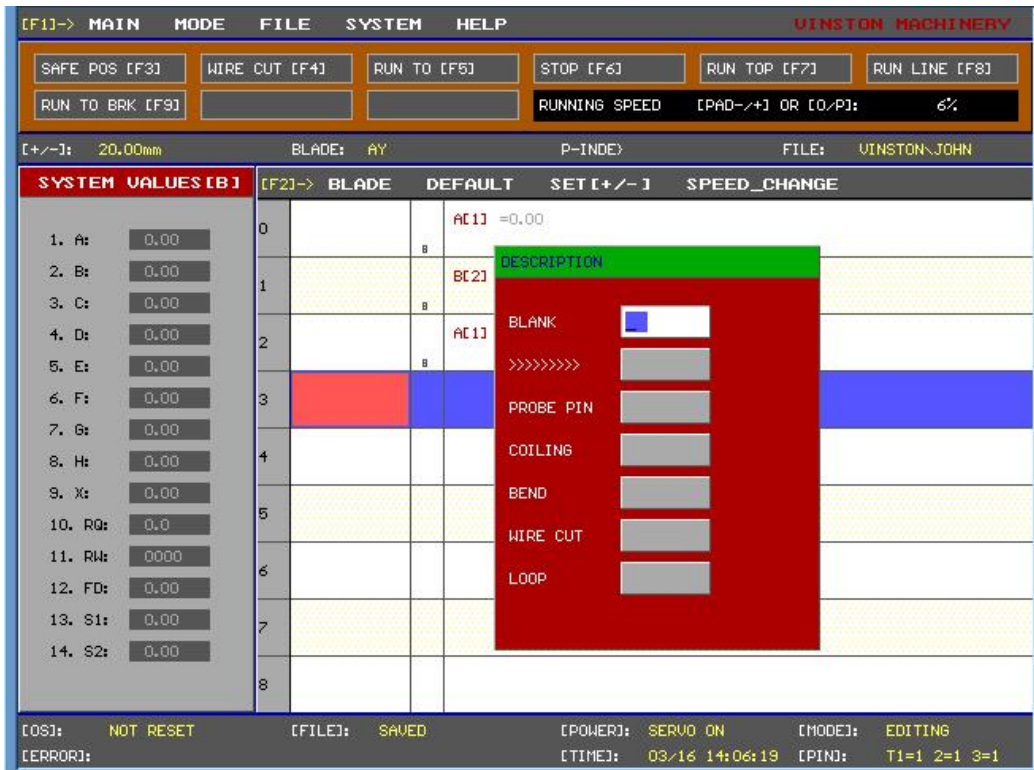


The RPG CONTROL window indicates the current position and the sensitivity of movements for the selected axis. The axis is moved manually and when the slide is in the correct position, it can be saved into the program as a save point. The operator will use the keys to select the programming line in the program to save the position of the slide. One the programming line has been selected, press the INS key to save the position of the axis. The following screen will appear:



Check that the corresponding axis is highlighted and press the INS again. The axis from the INSERT DATA screen will be placed in right column the selected programming line. The value of the axis may have a corresponding + or - value to indicate its movement relative to the previous position. A + value indicates a positive movement from the previous position and vice versa.

The left column allows the operator to label the programming line. To insert a description in the first column of the desired line, press the ENTER key while on that line of code and in the first column.



Use the keys to select from a list of present descriptions and then press the ENTER key. The user can add additional comments after the general description to help distinctly identify the line of code.

09.2 F3 – SAFE POSITION AND WIRE CUT

During the programming process, the user can use F3 to reset the slides to their original safe (zero) positions. This will allow the user to reset the blades if an issue comes up while editing the program. The user must pay attention to the path of each blade back to their zero (safe) positions. The path to the zero position can be obstructed by debris or the sample itself. Make sure the path is clear prior to using the F3 function. Otherwise, injuries or damage to machine parts can occur.

A rectangular digital display with a dark background and a light border, showing the text "SAFE POS [F3]" in a monospaced font.

To run the command, press the F3 key on the keyboard. The indicator at the top of the screen will change color (turns green) and the slides will move simultaneously back to their preset safe (zero) positions. The F3 function is often used in conjunction with the F4 (WIRE CUT) function to reset all axes.

A rectangular digital display with a dark background and a light border, showing the text "WIRE CUT [F4]" in a monospaced font.

To execute the command, press the F4 key on the keyboard. The indicator at the top of the screen will change color (turns green) and a confirmation window appears. Press the ENTER key to confirm the command all slides will move to their corresponding zero (safe) position. A predefined amount of wire is fed out based on default settings. The quill will move into the cutting position and the slide with the blade will move in for the cut and return to its previous position.