

CLEANING TOOL AND WORKPIECE PROCESSING METHOD

ABSTRACT

There is provided a cleaning tool which is used in a state of being mounted to a spindle configured such that an annular cutting blade containing abrasive grains is mountable thereto, and which is used to remove swarf that has been generated during processing of a workpiece by use of the cutting blade and that is present in a processed region processed by the cutting blade of the workpiece, from the processed region. The cleaning tool has in its central part an opening to be used at the time of mounting to the spindle. The cleaning tool is formed in an annular shape from an elastic material softer than the workpiece and does not contain abrasive grains, or the cleaning tool is formed in an annular shape from an elastic material having a Vickers hardness of less than 10.6 GPa and does not contain abrasive grains.

[FIG. 4]