



ABSTRACT

A coolant liquid feeding method comprises feeding a coolant liquid, with air bubbles caused to form continuously therein, for cutting or grinding operation to a region under machining, expediting the splashing of air bubbles in all directions when the air bubbles impinge on the region under machining and burst, and also expediting the entry of accelerated splashed liquid particles into a cutter/workpiece pressure contact plane, thereby improving the cooling and lubrication of the region under machining, whereby the air bubbles in the coolant liquid which has failed to reach the region under machining or which, though reaching there, has left there for the recovery channel are allowed to adhere to suspended foreign matters in the liquid, thereby expediting the surfacing of the foreign matters.

The coolant liquid is discharged downward generally as a spiral flow which is a collection of particulate turbulent flows, thereby forming a cylindrical veil of coolant liquid which surrounds the milling tool or grinding tool and whose lower end reaches the surface of the workpiece, at least part of the spiral flow being caused to move from the lower end of the cylindrical veil along the surface of the workpiece in a whirl toward the central region until it is fed to the region under machining which is in contact with the milling tool or grinding tool.