

Troubleshooting (Tapping chuck)

	Contents of the trouble	Causes	Pulled out of holder. Unable to attach fast to spindle or holder in case of MT shank.
1	Thread gauge (stop) can go through. (Enlarged thread diameter)	<p>① Lean threads because of excessive compression (Tapping chuck's compression works.)</p> <p>※Reason for lean threads For the compression of tapping chuck, a strong spring is used to resist the pressure when a tap starts to cut. This compression should not be used for normal tapping, but with tap adaptor with safety clutch to prevent tap breakage. Strong compression will result in lean threads.</p> <p>② Sharpness of tap is low and compression of tapping chuck works.</p> <p>③ Malfunction of tension/compression</p> <p>④ Malfunction of clutching mechanism of tapping chucks with auto-depth control or self-reversing function.</p> <p>⑤ Mischoice of tap</p>	<p>① Decrease feed rate more than tap pitch. (85-95% of tap pitch) • In case there is no improvement; Feed for forward movement : 85-95% Feed for backward movement : 100% • In case feed mechanism of spindle is master feed, → Use tapping chuck with compression zero. • In case tapping chuck with compression zero is in use, → Check feed mechanism of the machine.</p> <p>② • Larger chamfering for the entrance of prepared hole • Use tap with more threads for chamfering. (2.5 threads and more) • Weakened compression spring of tapping chuck → Return it to NT TOOL for repair</p> <p>③ Check if the chuck returns to its original length after pulling and pushing by hand.</p> <p>④ Pull the chuck and turn right by hand to check if the clutch gets disengaged and turn left by hand to see if the clutch gets engaged. → Return it to NT TOOL if malfunction of the clutch is found.</p> <p>⑤ • Tapping chuck with length compensation is not suitable for synchro tap (eccentric relief). • Use normal tap (concentric relief) which has self-advancing action.</p>
2	Thread gauge (through) cannot go through. (Thread diameter is small.)	<p>① Warpage of burr has been generated at the entrance of tap hole.</p> <p>② Burr at the entrance of tap hole due to the reaction to compression.</p> <p>③ Damage at the entrance of tap hole</p> <p>④ Tap wear</p>	<p>① • Return timing is premature (before tap is pulled out) → Revision of approach point Guidelines : maximum tension + 5mm • Too much tension → Increase feed rate. Must be lower than tap pitch.</p> <p>② Check if the compression of tapping chuck is working during operation. → Decrease feed rate less than tap pitch (85-95% of tap pitch) → If the problem is not fixed, Feed for forward movement : 85-95% Feed for backward movement : 100%</p> <p>③ • Misalignment between tap and prepared hole → Correction of misalignment → Use tapping chuck with radial float • Chamfering at the hole entrance is too small. → Larger chamfering diameter</p> <p>④ Replacement of tap</p>
3	Thread is not deep enough. (Variation of thread depth)	<p>① Cutting to prepared hole is difficult and compression of tapping chuck works.</p> <p>② Torque clutch of tap adaptor (type WES) works.</p> <p>③ Variation caused by large inertia of machine spindle</p> <p>④ Decreased preset length of tap • Malfunction of tapping chuck</p>	<p>① • Check the diameter of prepared hole. → (Refer to table of prepared holes) • Small chamfering and large cutting resistance → Larger chamfering diameter</p> <p>② Accumulated chips or dust at the bottom of the hole → Use spiral tap for evacuating chips. (Point tap tends to push out chips.)</p> <p>③ • Lower rotation speed (500rpm and below) • Check the "stationary" position of the spindle (Z-axis)</p> <p>④ • Tapping chuck will not return to the original length. → Check tension/compression of tapping chuck.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Malfunction of tap adaptor with length adjustment (type WEN and WESN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Length adjustment screw is not back to the locking position. → Check that adjustment screw will not turn after adjustment is completed.
4	Thread is too deep. (Variation of thread depth)	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasesd preset length of tap •Malfunction of tapping chuck <p>•Chucking error of tap adaptor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Malfunction of tap adaptor with length adjustment (WEN and WESN) <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variation caused by large inertia of machine spindle 	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tapping chuck will not return to its original length. → Check tension/compression of tapping chuck. •Tap has been pulled out of tap adaptor. → Check tap adaptor's locking mechanism. (if tap cannot be pulled out by hand.) •Length adjustment screw is not back to the locking position (lowest psition). → Check if adjustment screw will not turn after length adjustment <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lower rotation speed (500rpm and below) •Check machine spindle's stationary position (in Z-axis).
5	Breakage of tap at the hole entrance	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting by tap is difficult. 	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enlarge chamfering diameter of prepared hole. •Use tap with more threads for chamfering
6	Breakage of tap in the middle	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diameter of prepared hole is too small and excessive torque is applied. <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incompatibility of tap adaptor <p>③</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient compression of tapping chuck when tap adaptor with torque clutch (WES) is in use. 	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimization of prepared hole diameter → Refer to table of prepared hole diameters <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tap adaptor with torque clutch (type WES) is not suitable for tapping chuck with compression 1mm and below. <p>③</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Use tapping chuck with more compression. •Adaptor with torque clutch (type WES) cannot be used. (Type WE or WEN is recommended instead.)
7	Breakage of tap at the regular bottom	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tap hits the bottom of prepared hole and excessive torque is applied. <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accumulated chip or dust at the bottom of the hole <p>③</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased preset length of tap •Malfunction of tapping chuck <p>•Chucking error of tap adaptor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Malfunction of tap adaptor with length adjustment (WEN and WESN) <p>④</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variation caused by large inertia of amchine spindle 	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Check NC program •Check the clearance between tap's chamfering threads and prepared hole. → If there is not enough clearance, decrease the number of chamfering threads. •Deepen prepared hole. •Shallow thread depth. <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use spiral tap to evacuate chips. (Point tap tends to push out chips forward.) <p>③</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tapping chuck will not return to its original length. → Check tension/compression of tapping chuck. •Tap has been pulled out of tap adaptor. → Check the locking mechanism of tap adaptor. (See if tap cannot be pulled out by hand.) •Length adjustment screw has not been returned to the locking position (lowest position). → Check if adjustment screw will not turn after adjustment is completed. <p>④</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lower rotation speed (500rpm and below) •Check the stationary position of machine spindle (in Z-axis).
8	Tap is pulled out.	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too much drawing force for tap <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deformation or breakage of steel balls in tap adaptor <p>③</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball locking mechanism of tap adaptor does not work (in the case of carbide tap) 	<p>①</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Check if tapping chuck's tension is exceeded → Increase feed per rotation (must be less than tap pitch.) •Return timing is premature. → Approach point should be distanced. (Guidelines : Tapping chuck's maximum tension + 5mm) <p>②</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tap adaptor should be replaced. <p>③</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use collet type tap adaptor.

