

User Manual: NexBot Robotics 441-004 Rotary Deburring Tool 15,000 RPM

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1. Safety Information

READ ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE OPERATION. Failure to follow safety procedures may result in serious injury or equipment damage.

DANGER: This tool operates at 15,000 RPM. Never touch the rotating bit or collet. Contact will cause immediate and severe injury or amputation.

WARNING: Always wear ANSI-approved safety glasses with side shields. The deburring process ejects high-velocity particles that can cause permanent eye damage.

WARNING: Disconnect and lock out all pneumatic and 24VDC power sources before performing maintenance, adjustments, or bit changes. Accidental startup can cause serious injury.

CAUTION: The tool housing can reach high temperatures during prolonged use. Allow the tool to cool completely before handling to prevent burns.

NOTICE: The use of contaminated or wet compressed air will damage internal components and void the product warranty. Ensure air supply is clean, dry, and properly filtered.

2. Product Overview

The NexBot Robotics 441-004 is a high-performance, air-driven rotary deburring tool designed for automated finishing applications. This end-of-arm tool (EOAT) enables robotic systems to perform precise and consistent deburring, chamfering, and edge-breaking tasks on a variety of materials, including metals, plastics, and composites. It is engineered to replace manual finishing operations, increasing throughput and improving part quality. A key feature of the 441-004 tool is its integrated active compliance system. This mechanism provides up to 8 mm of radial compliance, allowing the cutting bit to maintain constant pressure against the workpiece even when part geometry or robot path varies slightly. This compliance is critical for achieving a uniform finish, preventing tool chatter, and protecting both the workpiece and the tool from damage. The compliance force is pneumatically adjustable to suit different materials and operational requirements. The tool is equipped with a robust air spindle capable of speeds up to 15,000 RPM, delivering the high rotational velocity needed for clean material removal and smooth surface finishes. This high speed is ideal for applications such as removing burrs from machined components, breaking sharp edges on cast parts, and creating precise chamfers. The tool accepts standard industrial cutting bits, offering flexibility for various finishing tasks. Its durable construction ensures reliable performance in demanding industrial environments. Installation is straightforward, mounting directly to the robot's wrist flange via a standard ISO 9409-1-50-4-M6 interface. The tool requires a clean, dry air supply operating at a nominal pressure of 6 bar (90 PSI) for optimal spindle performance and compliance control.

3. Getting Started

1. Product Overview

The NexBot Robotics 441-004 is an air-driven, electronically-controlled rotary tool designed for automated finishing tasks. It combines a high-speed pneumatic motor with an integrated active compliance system and IO-Link communication for precise, repeatable performance in demanding industrial environments.

2. Understanding Active Compliance

The active compliance feature allows the spindle to maintain a constant, programmable force against the workpiece. This compensates for part positioning inconsistencies and robot path deviations, ensuring a uniform chamfer or edge break and preventing damage to the part or tool.

3. IO-Link Functionality

Communication is handled via the IO-Link protocol, which provides real-time control over spindle speed and compliance force. It also provides valuable diagnostic feedback, including actual RPM, operating hours, and fault conditions, enabling predictive maintenance and process monitoring.

4. Operation

Setting Operating Speed

The optimal rotational speed (RPM) is dependent on the workpiece material and the type of deburring bit used. Use the IO-Link interface to command a speed

appropriate for the application; higher speeds are typically used for softer materials, while lower speeds are better for harder metals to manage heat and bit life.

Tip: Start with the bit manufacturer's recommended surface speed and adjust based on the quality of the finish.

Programming Path and Feed Rate

Program the robot to move the tool along the workpiece edge at a smooth, consistent feed rate. Avoid abrupt changes in direction or speed, which can lead to an inconsistent finish. The feed rate should be balanced with the RPM to achieve efficient material removal without stalling the tool.

Adjusting Compliance Force

The compliance force should be set to the minimum value required to maintain consistent contact and effectively remove the burr. Excessive force will accelerate bit wear and may deflect the workpiece. Use the IO-Link parameters to tune this setting during initial trials.

Tip: For delicate parts, begin with the lowest force setting and increase incrementally until the desired result is achieved.

Monitoring Tool Diagnostics

Regularly monitor the diagnostic data provided over IO-Link. A significant deviation between commanded RPM and actual RPM can indicate that the bit is dull, the feed rate is too high, or the air supply is insufficient. This data is critical for process optimization and troubleshooting.

Chip and Debris Evacuation

Ensure that the robotic cell is equipped to handle the chips and dust generated during operation. Proper evacuation prevents debris from contaminating the part or interfering with the robot's mechanics. An external air blast or vacuum system directed at the point of contact is often effective.

5. Maintenance Schedule

Interval	Task	Notes
Daily	Visually inspect the deburring bit for signs of chipping, loading, or excessive wear. Replace if necessary.	A worn bit is the most common cause of poor surface finish.
Daily	Check pneumatic lines and fittings for audible air leaks. Repair any leaks found.	Leaks reduce tool performance and waste compressed air.
Weekly	Clean the exterior of the tool housing, paying special attention to air vents and cooling fins. Use a cloth and compressed air.	Clear vents are essential for thermal management.
Weekly	Inspect the collet and collet nut for embedded debris or damage.	

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	Clean with a brass brush and compressed air.	A clean collet ensures proper bit concentricity and grip.
Monthly	Drain any accumulated water from the bowl of the associated air filter/regulator unit.	Moisture in the air line is a primary cause of internal corrosion.
Quarterly	Inspect the M12 electrical cable and pneumatic hose for abrasion, especially at points of repeated flexing.	Replace any damaged cables or hoses immediately to prevent failure.
Annually	Return unit to a certified NexBot Robotics service center for internal inspection, cleaning, and bearing lubrication.	Service by unauthorized personnel will void the warranty.

6. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Tool does not start	No air pressure, no 24VDC power, or IO-Link 'start' command not received.	Verify air supply is on and at pressure. Check M12 cable for secure connection and power. Check robot program logic to ensure the start command is being sent correctly.
Poor or inconsistent surface finish	Dull bit, incorrect RPM/feed rate, or inconsistent compliance force.	Replace the deburring bit. Adjust robot feed rate and tool RPM. Verify and tune the active compliance force setting.
Tool loses speed or stalls in-cut	Feed rate is too high, depth of cut is too aggressive, or insufficient air pressure/flow.	Reduce the robot's programmed feed rate. Decrease the engagement with the workpiece. Check air regulator settings and ensure the air line is not restricted.
Excessive vibration	Damaged or unbalanced deburring bit, debris in the collet, or worn internal bearings.	Replace the deburring bit. Clean the collet assembly thoroughly. If vibration persists, remove from service and contact NexBot support for bearing service.
No IO-Link communication	Faulty cable, incorrect port configuration on master, or incorrect IODD file.	Test with a new M12 cable. Ensure the master port is enabled and configured for IO-Link (not DI/DO). Verify the correct IODD for the 441-004 is loaded in the controller.
Tool is running hot	Blocked cooling vents, insufficient air supply, or operating	Clean all debris from the tool housing. Verify air pressure and flow meet specifications.

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	continuously at maximum load.	Consider programming short air-cool passes if the duty cycle is extreme.
Rapid bit wear	RPM too high for the material, excessive compliance force, or incorrect bit type for the application.	Reduce the programmed RPM. Lower the compliance force setting. Consult your tooling supplier for a more appropriate bit material or geometry.

7. Technical Specifications

Parameter	Value	Unit
Weight	4.2	kg
Material	Anodized Aluminum 6061-T6	
Voltage	24VDC	
IP Rating	IP54	
Country of Origin	US	
Protocol	IO-Link	
Dimensions	220 x 95 x 95 mm	