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Injection moulding machines Mode of operation Definitions

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1 Scope

The purpose of this EUROMAP recommendation is to provide definitions for the different types of operation of injection moulding machines to avoid misunder-standings.

For example people speaking English as their native language use "automatic" for "semiautomatic" whereas people not speaking English as their native language frequently use "automatic" for "fully automatic".

2 Definitions

2.1 Manual

Where a machine is manually operated the functions of the machine are controlled via a hold to run control and are frequently possible only with reduced speeds/forces. Manual operation is used e.g. for setting; a production of parts is technically and economically not possible/senseful.

2.2 Semiautomatic

Semiautomatic operation is a type of operation where one cycle is completed automatically after a start signal, then the machine stops, the next cycle can only take place if a further start signal has been given. Semiautomatic operation is used mainly if manual loading/unloading of the mould(s) is required.

2.3 Fully automatic

Fully automatic operation is an operation where one cycle automatically follows the other; no intervention of the operator is necessary.

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